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CALL FOR PARKING FINES AT SHOPPING CENTRES TO BE SUSPENDED

Councillor says motorists should be reimbursed after revealing ANPR cameras were installed without planning permission

Report by **Henry James**

A BOROUGH councillor is calling for car parking fines issued to drivers at the Concourse shopping centre in Skelmersdale and Burscough's Ringtail Retail Park on the basis of Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) to be suspended immediately after revealing that the cameras, equipment and signage at both sites were installed without planning permission.

Skelmersdale North councillor, Neil Furey also wants all previous fines issued at the Concourse by the Smart Parking company to be reimbursed to motorists without delay.

At ANPR-controlled sites a camera detects when a vehicle enters and leaves by recording its number plate. If a vehicle is parked illegally a charge notice is sent to its registered keeper.

Demands

Cllr. Furey said: "I expect motorists will be angry to learn that the Concourse shopping centre didn't bother to obtain planning permission for its Smart Parking ANPR cameras and signage.

The signage listing the parking restrictions at the Concourse shopping centre.

"Over the last 12 months I have received a number of complaints about incorrect £100 parking charges notices being issued by Smart Parking, with motorists being accused of overstaying or even staying overnight when they have done nothing of the sort.

"Motorists have then faced further demands and threats of court action. In some cases drivers have even produced their own video footage to challenge the parking charges notices.

"Smart Parking has consistently failed to accurately record images of vehicles entering and leaving the site or recognise that motorists have made two trips to the car parks but had done so within the advertised restrictions."

Cllr. Furey also claimed that Burscough Ringtail Retail Park hadn't obtained planning permission for its new ANPR equipment and signage run by the Parking Eye company.

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"I will also be calling for ANPR car parking enforcement to be suspended immediately at Ringtail Retail Park and for Parking Eye to refund any parking fines issued to motorists without delay."

A spokesperson for London and Cambridge Properties which owns and manages the Concourse shopping centre, said: "A car park management system has been in operation for many years. Prior to Smart Parking taking over its management in 2016, the site had already been used and advertised as a maximum stay car park.

"On February 12, 2018, planning condition 5 was discharged by West Lancashire Council concerning car park management strategy as part of Planning Permission 2014/0952/COU. In paragraph 3.2.3, it specifically states that an Automatic Number Plate Recognition system would be used with cameras located at all entry and exit points."

A spokesperson for Parking Eye commented: "The land owner engaged Parking Eye's services at Ringtail Retail Park to ensure parking remains available for the vast majority of motorists who are genuine users of the site, following increasing levels of abuse and overstay by those not entitled to park there.

"The presence or not of appropriate permissions does not affect the validity of the parking contract that a motorist enters into when remaining on site. However, Parking Eye is working closely with West Lancashire Borough Council's planning authority to help ensure compliance.

"Motorists at Ringtail Retail Park are also reminded to keep to the terms and conditions of parking displayed on the signage throughout the site, to avoid receiving a parking charge notice."

Smart Parking has been contacted for comment.

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Halloween deadline for secondary school places

COUNTY education chiefs are reminding parents and guardians that applications for secondary school places in Lancashire need to be in by Thursday, October 31.

The online application system will be open until 11.59pm on that date.

The quickest and easiest way to apply is online via the county council's website and parents should note that they need to submit an application form for ***all*** children starting school.

Closing date for primary school application is January 15 2020 but early applications are encouraged to give extra time in case there are queries.

For more information, go to www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools or call 0300 123 6707.

Parents or guardians whose children attend Lancashire schools or academies, but live in another local authority area, should apply via the local authority where they live.

Ormskirk Hospital.

Mixed results for hospital trust in BBC survey

A NEW survey shows that summer was the worst for A&E waiting times in England since the start of the four-hour target in 2004-05, writes HENRY JAMES.

Figures supplied by BBC Newsnight and the Nuffield Trust said across the country in the six months to September 86% of patients were admitted, transferred or discharged from A&E within the four hours.

This is the worst performance since the target of 95% was introduced in 2004.

A BBC 'tracker' which highlights the performances of individual NHS trusts shows that, up to April 2019, Southport and Ormskirk Hospital trust did not meet the 95% target as 84.5% of patients were admitted within four hours of arrival at A&E. The average for hospitals across the country was 85.1%. This ranked Southport & Ormskirk NHS Trust 53 of 129 trusts.

However a recent Champion article showed that in July and August the teams at Southport Hospital and Ormskirk's children's A&E combined to treat, transfer or admit to hospital 87.9% of all patients within the four-hour NHS national standard. This was at a time of treating record numbers of patients, but again did not meet the target.

According to NHS England in the past six months there has been half a million more visits to A&E than at the same time last year.

The BBC tracker (with figures for March 2019) also showed that at Southport and Ormskirk NHS Trust 81% of patients were starting cancer treatment within 62 days of urgent GP referral. This means the trust did not meet the target of 85%, but it was above the national average of 79.7%.

Southport & Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust was ranked 71 of 131 trusts for this rating.

However under the findings for patients having planned operations and care within 18 months of referral the hospital trust finding was 94.5%, which exceeded the target of 92%. It was also above the national average of 86.7% and placed the trust fourth out of 129 trusts.

NHS Southport & Formby CCG also met the target for patients starting mental health therapy within six weeks of referral (Jan-Mar 2019 figures BBC) with a score of 98%, which was well above the target of 75% and above the national average of 88.9%. NHS Southport & Formby was ranked 34 of 195 CCG areas.

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Murder investigation launched after victim of doorstep attack dies

Police make renewed appeal for information

Report by **Henry James**

POLICE have launched a murder investigation after the death of a man who was allegedly set on fire after answering the door of his home in Skelmersdale.

Officers were called at around 1am on Thursday, September 26 by the Ambulance Service after reports of a fire at the property in Waverley.

On arriving at the scene they found the homeowner, 48-year-old Robert Beattie, in a critical condition suffering from serious burns.

He was taken to hospital but died two weeks later on Thursday, October 10.

A post-mortem examination will take place in due course to try to establish a cause of death.

Detectives believe the victim was doused in some form of accelerant when he answered the door before being set on fire in a targeted attack.

Six men have previously been arrested by police in connection with the incident and enquiries are on-going.

A 35-year-old man from Liverpool and a 32-year-old man from Skelmersdale were arrested on suspicion of wounding, attempted murder and arson with intent to endanger life. They have been bailed to Monday, October 28.

A 22-year-old man from Liverpool was arrested and bailed to Monday, October 28, with a 31-year-old man from Liverpool arrested and bailed to Tuesday, October 29. Both were arrested on suspicion of wounding, attempted murder and arson with intent to endanger life.

The victim, Robert Beattie.

A fifth man, also aged 31 and from Liverpool, was arrested on suspicion of attempted murder and later released with no charge.

A sixth man, aged 36, from Liverpool, was arrested on suspicion of wounding, attempted murder and arson with intent to endanger life. He was later released on bail until Tuesday, October 29.

DCI Pauline Stables of Lancashire Police's Force Major Investigation Team, said: "This is tragic news and our thoughts remain with Mr Beattie's family and friends at this incredibly sad time.

"While we have made a number of arrests our enquiries are very much ongoing and we have a number of detectives working on this investigation. If you have any information at all that could help and haven't contacted us already please get in touch with us as soon as possible."

Anyone with information is asked to contact police on 101 quoting log 0068 of September 26. Alternatively they can contact independent charity Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111 or online at crimestoppers-uk.org.

Reported shooting in Digmoor

AS the Champion was going to press officers from Skelmersdale Police were responding to reports of a shooting at an address in Belfield, Digmoor.

A spokesperson for Lancashire Police said: "Three men have been taken by ambulance to hospital. Their injuries are not thought to be life-threatening. An investigation is underway."

Some of the tasty treats Anna Culshaw served up for her fundraising event in aid of Macmillan.

Grateful Anna serves up a tasty boost for cancer charity

A SKELMERSDALE woman who had to give up her job as a school cook after being diagnosed with lymphoma proved she definitely hasn't lost her touch in the kitchen by raising more than £800 with her homemade cakes for the cancer charity that has helped her battle the disease.

When Anna Culshaw became very poorly three years ago she was admitted to hospital where tests confirmed she was suffering with lymphoma.

During a 10-week stay in hospital she experienced many side-effects as a result of the treatment, losing half of her body weight and being left unable to walk without aids.

Following her discharge she was faced with a long road to recovery and various treatments but now - even though she still has regular hospital visits - the lymphoma seems to have settled.

Unfortunately, about a year after her initial diagnosis she had to give up the job she absolutely loved as a school cook, on health grounds.

Daughter, Hayley Maxwell, said: "When she lost her job, mum was very down and suffered from anxiety. That's where Macmillan came in. They were absolutely amazing, especially the team at the unit in the Concourse, and mum loves to give back as much as she can.

"Last year she held a coffee morning 'open-house' at her home for friends and family and raised over £500.

"But this time she wanted to go bigger and better and started baking cakes for four days before the annual World's Biggest Coffee Morning event.

"She also held an afternoon tea for about 30 people, topping it off with another open-house coffee day and raising a grand total of £860.

"All her family and friends think she is amazing and wanted to share her story with the people of Skelmersdale."

Holiday Breakfast Clubs to run at two venues over half-term

SKELMERSDALE Holiday Breakfast Clubs will be running again this half-term at two venues.

West Lancashire Children and Family Wellbeing Service are running the Breakfast Club in the Zone and Celebrate Skelmersdale volunteers are running the Breakfast Club at Tanhouse Community Centre.

A bumper supply of the cereal has been donated by Moorside Primary School to Skelmersdale Holiday Breakfast Club and they also received donations of fruit and bread from the Evermoor Hub, a huge box of apples from the staff at CVS and jam and butter from PULSE.

Claire Cooper, founder of Skelmersdale Holiday Breakfast Club, said: "Breakfast Club has been a really good community initiative and the support we have had from other Skelmersdale-based organisations has been incredible.

"Donations of toys and craft materials from members of the public have been really appreciated by the families attending."

Breakfast Clubs at both venues will run from Monday, October 21 to Friday, October 25 from 9.30 to 10.30am every day.

All are welcome but children must be accompanied by an adult.

Veterans seek venue for walking football sessions

MEMBERS of the Skelmersdale Veterans' Association are looking for a new venue to host their walking football sessions.

The veterans have been taking part in sessions at different locations for the last six months under the supervision of volunteers from Wigan Athletic Community Trust.

Association chairman, Alan Lewis, said: "We are looking for high schools who can give us an hour's session in their sports hall over the winter from 5 to 6pm on a Tuesday or Wednesday evening.

"The support of the team from Wigan Athletic Community Trust has been invaluable. They have given the veterans respect and assistance and they are good ambassadors for the sporting world.

"We are also still looking for veterans and members of the public who would like to participate in walking football.

"You don't need to be an expert player and we welcome both men and women.

"For more information contact me on 07939 660 048."

Community shows support for Tanhouse Together project

ORGANISERS of a locally-driven community development collaboration project have held their first Community Fun Day.

The group, Tanhouse Together, aims to make the district and its surrounding area "an even better place to live and somewhere to be proud of."

They plan to do this by working with the community and strengthening the links between the local groups, organisations, schools and health centres to work towards a more focused, stronger Tanhouse.

The fun day event, hailed a "huge success", saw the Tanhouse Community out in full force - despite the weather - to show their support for the project.

Among the assortment of entertainment on offer were local lads Isonboy performing throughout the day, Oaks Church's puppet singing show and the Tanhouse Morris Dancers.

There were also a variety of stalls with people showcasing their talents and small businessesm, while food and refreshments were provided by The Junk Food Café.

Deputy Mayor of West Lancs, Councillor Terry Aldridge was among guests at the Tanhouse Together Community Fun Day.

Among guests were Deputy Mayor of West Lancs, Councillor Terry Aldridge and members of the local Fire Service.

Lisa Barnes, community development worker for Tanhouse Together, said: "There was a strong focus on the community and how we all work well together. The feedback was from the event was amazing.

"'We want to build on this and really try to strengthen what is already established and to develop new activities, events and groups for the community to be part of."

Anyone requiring more information about the group should search for Facebook Page 'Tanhouse Together'.

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Investment in new technology helping to step up fight against rural crime

£98k Proceeds of Crime funds used to buy kit to stamp out poaching and theft of machinery

CLA North Rural Adviser Libby Bateman and police commissioner Clive Grunshaw see how the new technology can be utilised.

MONEY recovered from criminals has paid for two drones and an infra-red scope to help Lancashire Police in their fight against rural crime.

The county's Police and Crime Commissioner, Clive Grunshaw, utilised Proceeds of Crime to invest £98,340 in the new technology as part of a commitment to rural policing.

And he teamed up with officers to gain an insight into how the new kit is helping the constabulary to tackle rural crime by assisting with operations including poaching, theft of machinery and vehicles such as quad bikes, as well as tracking down offenders.

Mr Grunshaw said: "Protecting our rural communities is as much a priority for me as it is policing our more urban towns and cities. We need to ensure that officers are equipped to do the job and that's why I was delighted to help invest in this new equipment.

"We invested in the drones utilising money which has been removed by criminals and it's only right that this is used to help make the county safer.

Rural, wildlife and heritage crime co-ordinator for Lancashire Constabulary, Lorraine Ellwood, added: "We know that for our rural communities, the impact of crime can have more far-reaching effects than the value of the items stolen, for example, livelihoods can be significantly affected by the theft of agricultural machinery or livestock."

And Libby Bateman, North Rural Adviser for the Country Land and Business Association Limited (CLA), commented: "Earlier this year CLA research into the equipment rural officers had to tackle criminal activity concluded that more funding was needed to ensure they had the latest technology, such as thermal imaging cameras and drones, to detect criminal activity in the open countryside.

"It is good to see that Lancashire Police have been proactive on this matter and with support from PCC Clive Grunshaw, have been able to purchase three thermal imaging cameras and set up a drone team which will enable them to get a step ahead of the criminals, collect stronger evidence and secure more convictions."

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New Tawd Valley parkrun going from strength to strength

THE new Tawd Valley parkrun in Skelmersdale is going from strength to strength.

Organisers received a big boost on Saturday (October 12) with the participation of staff and patients from the Manor Primary Care GP practice, based at Hillside Health Centre in Tanhouse.

The practice is now accredited as a 'parkrun practice' under the national scheme, developed jointly by parkrun UK and the Royal College of General Practitioners.

Katie Morley, practice nurse at Manor Primary Care, commented: "It was wonderful to see all the staff come together to support this event, and was fantastic for some of our patients to join us.

"I was so proud to see them giving 100 per cent to finish the varied 5km route. I brought my two boys along and they beat me to the finish line!

"What a great way to support our patients in getting fit and healthy on a Saturday morning!

"I am hoping that next week even more patients will come along to this warm and welcoming community event!"

Tawd Valley parkrun is a free, weekly, timed 5km event, held each Saturday starting at 9am, and starting and finishing next to Skelmersdale library in the centre of town.

Anyone wishing to take part just needs to register at www.parkrun.org.uk, print a barcode (or ask the organizers to do on tawdvalley@parkrun.com if no printer is available) and turn up at 8.45am for a quick briefing.

Faster runners complete the course in 20 minutes or less, but walkers can take as long as they want as there is no time cut-off point.

Dogs on a short lead (one per participant) are welcome, as are people with prams and buggies.

New volunteer marshals are always welcome, and this can be particularly good for people who feel they might not yet be able to manage the whole course, but can enjoy a walk out onto the course with marshalling colleagues.

Staff and patients from the Manor Primary Care GP practice at the parkrun.

Results are processed and published soon after the event in the PULSE community centre in the Concourse shopping centre, where runners and volunteers gather for coffee and a chat. Results for current and previous events can be seen, along with other details, at www.parkrun.org.uk/tawdvalley.

Beauty spots

Also enjoying the newparkrun are members of the Woodland Whippets, (past and present pupils of Woodland Community Primary School in Birch Green) who regularly run through the some of the natural beauty spots of Skelmersdale and surrounding areas.

Among the routes tackled by the group over the summer were the Tawd Valley, taking in the fishing pond; the new 5km parkrun course; around the Beacon; and along the Leeds-Liverpool Canal in Parbold.

Vicky Beeley, teacher at Woodland Primary, said: "The children loved the experiences. Woodland Whippets will continue - as it has done so for three years now - to enjoy the beauty of our home town."

The Whippets include children from the age of four years old upwards, as well as past pupils and the group runs once a week for training.

They take the children who want to run on Saturday for the parkrun 5kms and on Sunday to the junior parkrun.

Vicky added: "We are over the moon that the 5km has come to Skelmersdale and would like to thank the organisers and all the volunteers. Before this, our home run was Ormskirk.

"We also take out elite athletes to Wigan Harriers and to competitions and fun events. We continued running the club throughout the summer because the children asked us to."

Rosie Cooper with head girl, Lucy McDonough, and head boy, Matthew Johnson at the Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Engineering College open evening.

MP swaps Commons for the classroom...

WEST Lancs MP Rosie Cooper was among guests at Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Engineering College open evening where she enjoyed meeting with pupils and staff to discuss a range of issues.

Ms Cooper met with members of the Citizenship, Internationalism and STEM Teams who told her about the Glenburn Road school's overseas partnerships.

She also chatted with headteacher Alison Knight and her deputy Claire Hallwood along with head girl and deputy head girl Lucy McDonough and Zoe Fish and head boy Matthew Johnson who talked enthusiastically about their roles as student leaders.

Meanwhile representatives of the school's Eco Group discussed government and council recycling policies with the MP and their desire to see recycling rates improve.

Rosie Cooper said: "It is always a pleasure to visit Our Lady Queen of Peace and I was welcomed by range of staff and pupils who wished to talk with me about various issues from recycling to investment in education and young people's mental health services.

"Lucy, Zoe and Matthew were model representatives of their school and we had a good discussion about their roles as student leaders and the issues they were working on.

"The open evening was a fantastic opportunity for parents and Year Six children to have a tour of the school and see the subjects on offer and the environment in which they could be studying next September."

Headteacher Ms Knight commented: "We were delighted to welcome Rosie Cooper to visit our school and meet with students during our open evening. The evening was exceptionally busy and Ms Cooper took a real interest in a range of issues presented by our outstanding young people. Students were able to interview the MP and share their experiences of all that makes Our Lady Queen of Peace unique."

Pupils from Woodlands Community Primary School who enjoyed the Midnight puppet show at Skelmersdale Library.

Pupils enjoy a magical midnight experience

PRIMARY school pupils enjoyed a magical experience when they were invited to watch the Midnight Puppet in Skelmersdale Library.

A total of 55 children of KS1 (6-7 years) and four teachers from Woodlands Community Primary went along to the event, a collaboration between the Friends of Skelmersdale Library (FoSL), the Southway venue, Spot On Lancashire and the school.

The performance was funded and supported by the Friends group.

Cassie Horner from Skelmersdale Library said: "It was a successful event and we received so much positive feedback.

"It was a delight to host and we are proud to have enabled some children to have their first time theatre experience in the library, makes us even prouder to have been part of it.

"We look forward to collaborating with these partners and other local schools in the future.

"Many thanks again to all involved for their contributions and support."

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Chance to have a say on how council spends funds from infrastructure levy

Consultation runs until Friday, November 8

RESIDENTS in West Lancashire are once again being given the chance to have their say on how the borough council should spend money raised from the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL).

The levy allows the council to raise funds from developers who are undertaking new building projects in West Lancs and these must be reinvested in infrastructure to support new development across the borough.

The council will save the bulk of these funds for larger projects and have shortlisted a number of suitable projects from a list of almost 100 potential schemes including £100,000 to rebuild the Hesketh Bank Community Centre and £40,000 for improvements to the Cheshire Lines Path in Downholland

The council also collects CIL funds from developments in Ormskirk that must be spent within the town and must decide, after consulting residents how to spend the funding in that area as Ormskirk does not have a parish council.

Councillor David Evans: "We want as many residents as possible to get involved in this consultation."

The shortlist of projects for spending this Ormskirk funding includes only one project, £40,000 for play area improvements at Thompson Avenue.

Due to national guidance, the public consultation regarding those Ormskirk projects is limited to Ormskirk residents and businesses.

The consultation began on Thursday, October 10 and residents have until Friday, November 8 to submit their views.

They can find out further information on the draft CIL Funding Programme online at the website on www.westlancs.gov.uk/CFP or by dropping in to their local library or council office.

Final decision

Councillor David Evans, cabinet member for planning, said: "CIL money can really make a difference for our communities and we want as many residents as possible to get involved in this consultation and help the council decide how the money should be spent."

All comments received will be considered as the council prepare their final recommendations.

A final decision on how to spend CIL monies will be made by the council's cabinet in early 2020.

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Four arrested after reports of 'firearm' in Digmoor

FOUR men were arrested in the Digmoor area of the town last week after reports that someone had been seen with a firearm.

A spokesperson for Lancashire Police said: "We were called at around 6.30am on Wednesday, October 9 to Blakehall, Skelmersdale, to reports someone had been seen with what is believed to have been a firearm. Police officers attended and two men were arrested.

"We then carried out negotiations with two further people who were inside a flat on Blakehall and a short time later arrested two more men.

"All four were arrested in relation to firearms offences.

"Blakehall was partially closed for a short time but has since reopened. We would like to thank local residents for their patience."

Family Fun Day raises £660 towards 'magic table' for care home

Report by **Henry James**

A NURSING and care home in Skelmersdale has received a £660 boost towards a 'magic table' interactive sensory activity aid, thanks to efforts of a grateful daughter of one of its residents.

Louise Taberner Rowlands was so impressed by the treatment her dad Ken Taberner receives at the Stocks Hall home in White Moss Road that she decided she would like to hold a fundraiser on its behalf.

After pondering about where to hold her planned Family Fun Day, she finally managed to secure the venue of her choice - the beer garden at her local pub, The Railway in Garswood.

Louise designed her own posters for the event, inviting all ages and family and friends responded with round 220 attending from 2 to 8pm.

Attractions on the day included live music, tombola and food and drink, while children (and adults!) enjoyed archery, Giant Ludo, Jenga, Twister and other fun activities.

Louise (right) presents the proceeds of her fundraising Family Fun Day to manager of the Stocks Hall home, Sue King.

A total of 100 prizes were donated for the tombola which raised £210 and donations throughout the day raised a further £450 to bring up the final total.

The money will go towards an inspirational dementia-friendly interactive sensory table to be used by people living at the Stocks Hall home.

Louise said: "I wanted to raise money for the home because dad is so happy there. The staff are amazing and look after him so well.

"Knowing what this money has gone towards is worth every bit of all the planning, hard work and time the Family Fun Day took.

"I would like to send a special thanks to The Railway pub who not only provided the venue but also donated and to everyone who helped in anyway on the day. I couldn't have done it without you."

Manager of the home, Sue King, who received the cheque from Louise, said: "I can only say how truly very grateful we are and together we look forward to the daily benefit this interactive, sensory activity table will bring.

"One only has to see the smiles on so many faces to realise its value. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts."

Councillor John Fillis pictured near the collapsed wall on Parliament Street, Up Holland.

County councillor pledges to lobby for funds to repair retaining walls in borough

A SKELMERSDALE county councillor has welcomed the authority's decision to apply to the Department for Transport's Highway Maintenance Challenge Fund for money to repair retaining walls - and aims to ensure local sites are not ignored.

County Councillor John Fillis, who represents Skelmersdale East ward on Lancashire County Council, pledged to push the case for West Lancs to get a share of any funding following the recent collapse of retaining walls along Parliament Street in Up Holland.

He said: "We have seen retaining walls collapse along this road without any impact to recognised cause.

"Purely on visible inspection the mortar has gone and in some cases on Alma Hill there is water coming through the wall.

"The council is doing what it can at present in response to collapses but there is more that can be done in prevention with support from the Government.

"Some of these walls over overhang people's gardens, while others are an essential part of the highway network.

"Although most of the problems of this nature occur in the east of the county, I will be working to ensure the Conservative administration does not ignore the work required in Up Holland."

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The robotic pets being handed over to 20 care homes at an event at County Hall, Preston.

Robo-pets will help care home residents living with dementia and loneliness

RESIDENTS at 20 care homes in Lancashire are set to benefit from pet therapy with a hint of science fiction!

A joint appeal by Lancashire County Council and the older people's champion group, Lancashire 50+ Assembly raised more than £1,800 to buy 20 robotic pets - 10 robo-cats and 10 robo-dogs.

They behave like normal cats and dogs - the dogs bark and wag their tails, the cats meow and wash their faces - but you don't need to walk them or change their litter tray!

Research has shown that robo-pets can help tackle loneliness and isolation and are the perfect companions for people with dementia.

County Councillor Joan Burrows, Lancashire's champion for older people, said: "Keeping pets is really important for many people and they miss having a dog or cat around when they move to a care home.

"These robo-pets are fantastic because they look and act like the real thing. The dogs bark when they hear you, the cats purr when you stroke them. They are relaxing and calming and encourage care home residents to socialise as they share memories."

Research has shown that living with loneliness carries the equivalent risk of smoking 15 cigarettes a day and national figures provided by Age Concern show that 200,000 older people have not had a conversation with friends or family for a month. Around 60% of people in care homes get no visitors at all.

Cllr. Burrows added: "Using these robotic pets can encourage people to remember events, bring back fond memories and spend time with others. This helps to ensure people feel less lonely and improve the quality of life of people who live with dementia."

The county council is still looking to raise money so that more care homes across Lancashire can have a robo-pet. For information about making a donation or arranging a fundraising activity, email: 50+Assembly@lancashire.gov.uk.

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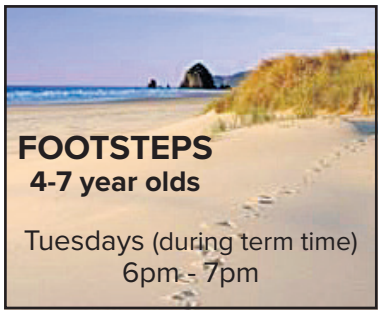

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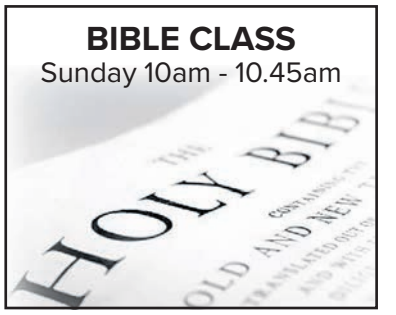

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Rail staff team up with Samaritans to promote new mental health awareness campaign

RAILWAY workers from West Lancashire and Merseyside joined forces with the Samaritans as part of a new mental health awareness campaign by the charity.

On World Mental Health Day (Thursday, October 10) staff from Network Rail, Merseyrail and the British Transport Police joined members of the Samaritans at Ormskirk station to hand out flyers for the 'Real People, Real Stories' campaign which urges people to speak up if they're struggling with their mental health.

The campaign features men who have overcome tough times in their lives by sharing their feelings and stories, in the hope it can help others who are currently suffering in silence.

A recent survey found that two in five (41%) men in England, Scotland and Wales aged 20 to 59 do not seek support when they need to. This group includes men who are most at risk of suicide.

The campaign reaches out to men who may feel isolated and alone and encourages them to contact Samaritans 24/7 free on 116 123 or by visiting Samaritans.org.

Gerard Hughes, Samaritans branch director, said: "This year's theme for World Mental Health Day is suicide prevention but preventing suicide and the support available, should be talked about every day. Raising awareness of this important issue, will hopefully encourage people to help others in distress."

This latest campaign is one of many across the rail industry to offer mental health training and support to passengers and staff. More than 19,000 people in the industry have been trained by Samaritans in suicide prevention techniques.

There were 2,270 life-saving interventions on the country's rail network in 2018/19 - an increase of 33% on the previous year.

Volunteers who helped to launch the 'Real People, Real Stories' campaign at Ormskirk railway station.

Alex Hornby, performance and customer assistant at Network Rail, said: "We've worked with industry partners to improve the support and tools available across the Merseyrail network. That includes empowering our colleagues with the right training to open conversations and lend a listening ear to people who may be struggling to cope. It also includes providing the right support at stations."

Andy Heath, managing director for Merseyrail, added: "As a rail operator, ensuring the safety and wellbeing of anyone on our network is absolutely key. Events like today working with our partners to encourage passengers to talk more is a great example of the work we do to combat instances of those wishing to harm themselves. Talking really can save lives, and we are always keen to spread this message to staff and passengers to be on the look-out for those in need of support."

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Police chief hits out after county allocated just 153 new officers in first year of three-year national recruitment drive having requested 340

POLICE and Crime Commissioner Clive Grunshaw has accused the Government of "snubbing" the county after the Home Office announced a target to recruit just 153 officers in Lancashire in the first year of a three-year drive to increase police ranks in England and Wales by 20,000.

Mr Grunshaw, who is demanding the replacement of all 750 officers lost to the constabulary since 2010, claimed that if the same allocation approach is made in the next two years, it would mean the force would be almost 250 short of that target.

The commissioner said the Government has indicated that associated costs, such as training and equipment, will be covered, but said no clarity has been given on additional costs around estate, HR, vetting and other factors.

And he warned the constabulary will still have to meet the added pressures from the deserved but unfunded pay award for the existing workforce at a cost of more than £6m. Alongside inflation and the Government changes to police pensions, he said there remains a big gap in the budget leading to concerns that cost pressures could be passed on to council tax payers which he has repeatedly highlighted as "grossly unfair."

Clive Grunshaw: "I will continue to demand the Government give us our bobbies back."

He said: "I had asked the Home Office to replace the 750 officers lost since 2010 and I'm disappointed with this announcement which falls well short and fails to recognise the reason that additional officers are needed - the years of funding reductions from Westminster which have impacted Lancashire more than most.

"We requested 340 officers in this allocation, making a strong case around the fairest way to allocate funding by putting officers back where they have been lost and are needed most.

"However forces like Lancashire have been snubbed by the Government whilst more affluent areas such as Surrey, who have lost only eight officers since 2010 have been gifted 70 officers in this first allocation.

"Whilst I welcome the ability to put much-needed additional officers back onto our streets, after almost a decade of cuts which meant we have needed to save over £84m, this announcement does not go far enough to repair the damage that has been done.

"There are also suggestions that the remaining share of the 20,000 police officers beyond March 2021 could be shared between counter terrorism and serious and organised crime, meaning even less for Lancashire.

"Along with MPs, I will continue standing up for Lancashire and demand that the Government give us our bobbies back. I'm also calling for a fair and sustainable funding settlement that takes into account the unique circumstances faced by policing here in Lancashire."

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Currently, the unacted parts of the Civil Liability Act seem to have been pushed to the back of the Government's agenda given the ongoing issues relating to Brexit. We are not sure when the remainder of the Act will become law and we see no current stance for the changes to be applied retrospectively to claims already ongoing. In essence, if you were injured in a road traffic accident in the last 3 years and it was not your fault – act immediately to make a claim for the compensation you are entitled to.

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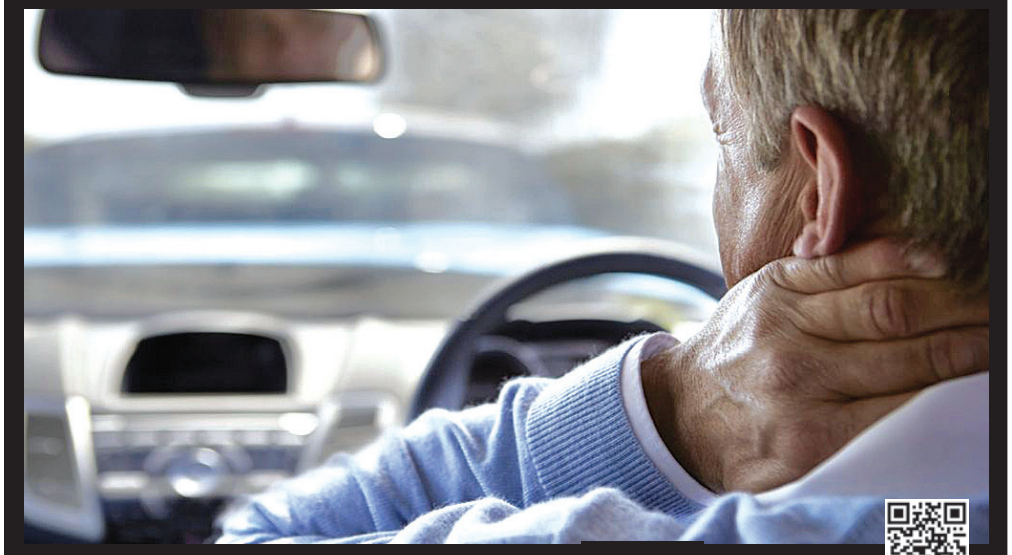

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University recognises award-winning nurses

Trophy presentation marks trio's contribution to raising awareness of those unable to communicate through speech

THREE recently-qualified Edge Hill University learning disability nurses have been presented with trophies to recognise their innovative contribution to healthcare.

At an event held at the Ormskirk campus, Alice Waddington, Emily Kavanagh and Eve Hesketh, who formally handed three national awards to the university for display, received their very own trophies from deputy vice-chancellor Steve Igoe.

Earlier this year the trio won three national awards for the creation of Makaton healthcare cards and support for raising awareness of those who are not able to communicate through speech alone.

The trio receive their trophies from Edge Hill's deputy vice-chancellor, Steve Igoe.

They included the Andrew Park Student Nurse Award at the 2019 RCNi Nurse Awards, presented by Game of Thrones actress Emilia Clarke. All three awards will now be proudly displayed at the University.

Emily, who works as a learning disability nurse at Alder Hey Children's Hospital, said: "As lovely as these awards are, we did it for Alice and then anyone else who needed it. If we can inspire people to make that small change in their communication, it'll help other people get their voice."

Alice, a Makaton user, is the daughter of Amanda Glennon, who nominated the three students for the 2019 Student Nursing Times Awards for their support in raising awareness for people with learning disabilities.

Alice Waddington, who works in an adult community learning disability team, added: "We noticed a gap in the curriculum and encouraged other people to become learning disability champions, with other students wanting to learn more, and then all this happened!"

And Eve, who works at Manchester Children's Hospital, commented: "We didn't expect this. All we set out to do was improve patient care and for them to have a more positive experience when they go to see their GP, or when they go to hospital. We just wanted to give them something that was familiar and ultimately put them at ease."

Steve Igoe said: "It is important that we recognise and celebrate the contribution our students and alumni make to society and in this case, a contribution that is changing lives.

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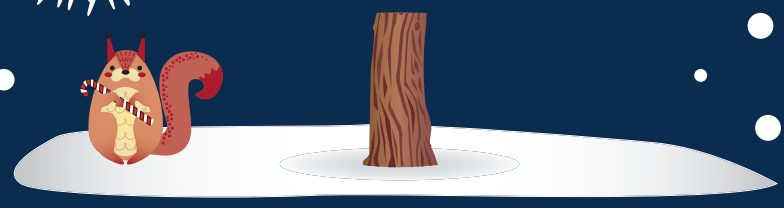

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Labour pair in call for better pay for county council staff

Report by **Kenny Parker**

A MOTION has been tabled for the full Lancashire County Council meeting on Thursday (October 17) calling for better pay for council staff who are said to have been working longer hours for less money due to austerity.

Labour county councillors Azhar Ali and Julie Gibson will ask the authority to support a motion that recognises and rewards the hard work performed by staff against a backdrop of austerity and cuts by the current government.

If the motion is passed the council will ask the Government for more money for its workers.

Councillor Ali, who proposed the motion, said: "Our council staff have borne the brunt of austerity since it was introduced by the coalition government of 2010. Across the UK, local government has endured central government cuts of nearly 50% since 2010, and it is estimated that 876,000 jobs have been lost in the sector during that time. Local government has been hit by more severe job losses than any other part of the public sector."

Councillor Gibson, who represents Skelmersdale West ward, added: "These staff are the ones that fill the potholes, that look after our elderly and residential clients, that provide school meals to our children and support staff in schools, and other essential services in our communities.

County Councillor Ali.

County Councillor Gibson.

"They have seen their pay eroded and yet their workload has doubled, leading to a long hours culture, a loss of morale, increasing staff turnover and in some circumstances sickness and stress-related issues.

"We are acutely aware that councils across the country, and Lancashire is a particular case, are having to make difficult decisions on a daily basis, but these workers are not responsible for the global financial crisis; responsibility for this has to lie with the Conservative Government over their failure to provide adequate funding for councils and communities that they provide for."

The two councillors concluded: "Paying staff properly makes economic sense as it is an investment both in local services and the local economy. We cannot keep asking staff to deliver more whilst at the same time seeing their pay eroded and their conditions undermined.

"Our staff deserve a pay rise and we will be calling on the Conservative Government to give us the money to ensure that they get one."

The council's Conservative leader, County Councillor Geoff Driver, declined to comment until after the meeting.

Freeview's frequency change alert

FREEVIEW is forewarning viewers who receive their TV signal from the Winter Hill transmitter, they may need to re-tune their televisions following a scheduled frequency change on Wednesday, October 23.

The TV platform company which provides channels for 2.7million homes in the North West, including Lancashire, says that some Freeview channels are moving to new airwaves to allow for the future development of new mobile broadband services.

Transmitters are being updated region by region across the UK as part of a major engineering programme being carried out between now and 2020.

The required changes will begin at the Winter Hill transmitter group shortly after midnight on October 23 and Freeview channels will be off-air overnight until 6am.

Freeview says that re-tuning should be straightforward and some TVs will re-tune automatically. However, some older aerials may need replacing to continue receiving all channels. Viewers may be eligible for free support, including aerial work if needed.

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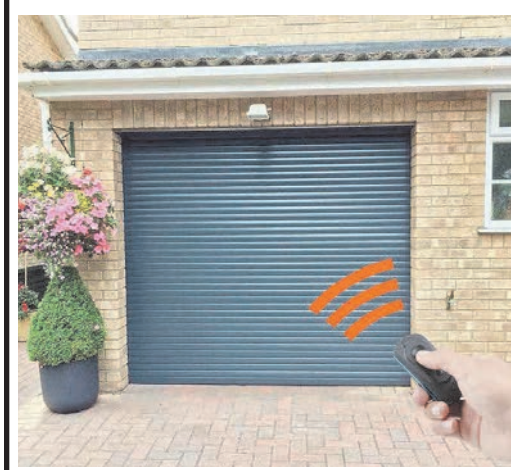

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Councils to blame for traffic and parking issues *not* university

I WAS interested to read the latest letters criticising Edge Hill and the traffic/parking issues highlighted. It's time to point out a few facts here.

Firstly, the university has complied with all requirements asked of them in gaining various planning permissions from the council as the site has expanded.

In addition, they lay on a free regular bus for students and staff from the bus station, offer guaranteed parking for car-sharers, and have cycle storage facilities on-site.

Meanwhile, what have West Lancs and Lancashire County councils done?

The West Lancs Local Plan contains plans for a borough-wide network of cycle paths and reopening of the Burscough Curves, which would both help improve accessibility - neither have happened.

And as the highways authority, the county council should be acting to help alleviate congestion at peak periods and working with the police to enforce when people park dangerously/illegally.

The answer is not to build evermore parking (which would actually increase the amount of traffic) but to get more people out of their cars and using public transport, cycling, and walking.

Until both councils take their responsibilities seriously to help deliver that, I am sure that local residents will continue to blame Edge Hill itself when the university has done nothing wrong.

'A Voice Of Realism', by email, details supplied.

Yes, students *should* be fined if they break the law - just like the rest of us

I'VE just read Councillor Dave Evans' comments on the front page of the Champion (October 9)and frankly I'm stunned.

He said, and I quote,: "nobody wants students at the start of their university life to be paying out fines for parking their cars."

And then he goes on to say: "having observed at first hand and through the experience of the public transport systems I can understand why students choose the less eco-friendly option of the car."

Is this guy for real?

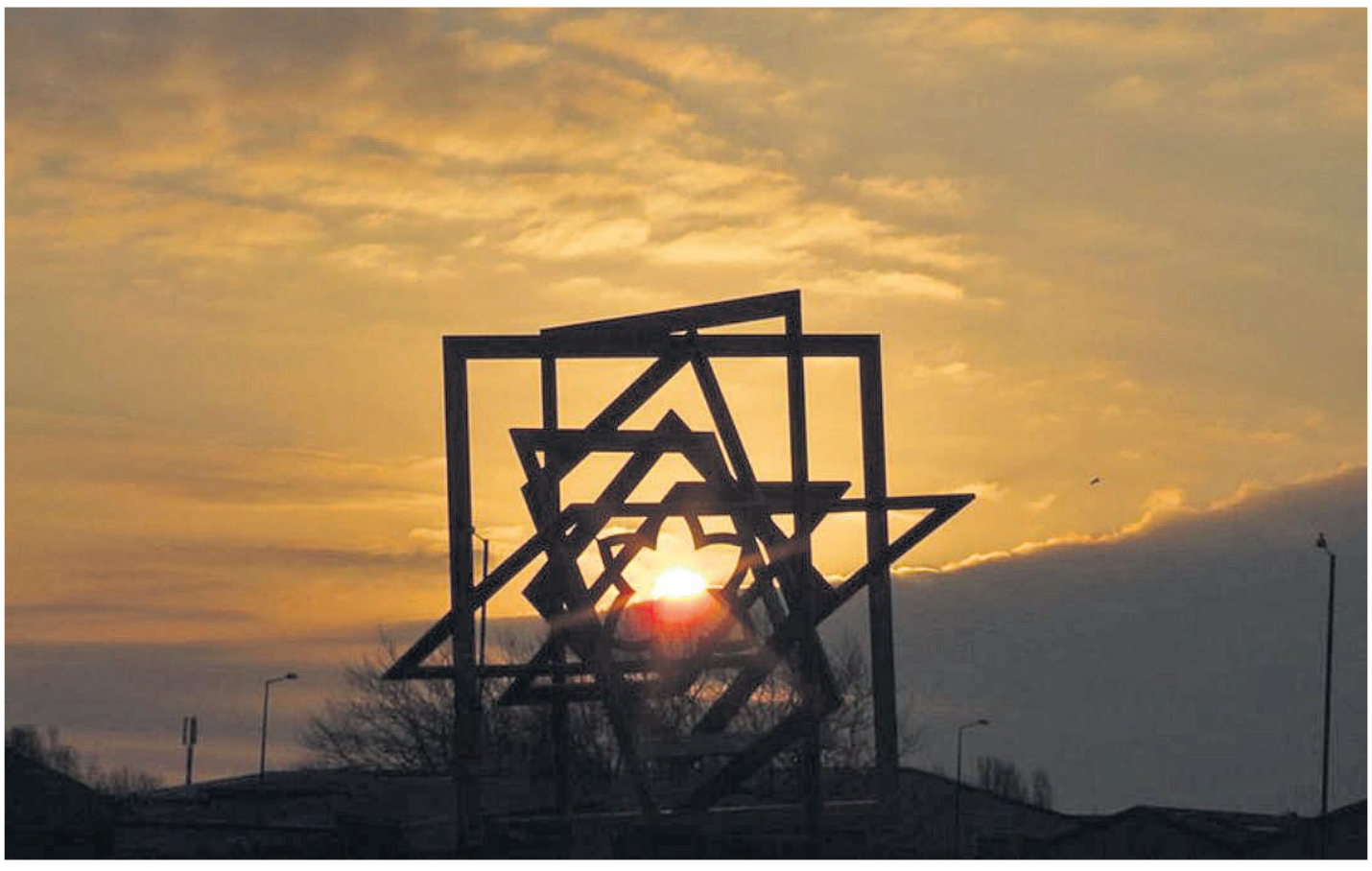
As a tax-paying resident of West Lancashire, who pays for the infrastructure that these students are abusing, I do want them fined every time they break the law, just like I would be .

I want them to use the current public transport that has been decimated over the last 10 years through cuts - just like me.

And if the plan is to improve any of the above for the benefit of students I want them to pay for it - just like me!

Aughton resident, by email, details supplied.

PICTURE of the week



THIS Picture of The Week with a difference was submitted by reader, Philip Parrty from Digmoor, Skelmersdale who labels it simply 'Sunrise on Hope Island, Skelmersdale.'

If you would like to submit a photo to be considered for our Picture of the Week slot, you can simply email it to us at editorial@champnews.com. And please remember to include your name, the area where you live and brief captions details.

Although we cannot promise to publish all the photos we receive, we do acknowledge and appreciate your contributions, thank you.

Parking problem is out of control

I WOULD like to thank Councillor Adrian Owens of Our West Lancashire for highlighting the dreadful student parking around Ormskirk's narrow roads.

I can appreciate the problem the students have and several of the cars have Edge Hill stickers on their windscreens, which I presume means they have permission to park but obviously no space.

The parking issue gets worse each year and is now totally out of control.

The police state parking on the pavement is ok if pushchairs and wheelchairs can pass through. This isn't the case. The students park on pavements and pedestrians have to walk into the road to pass the cars.

Edge Hill University need to consider park and ride whereby students who leave their cars for a week until they travel home at the weekend can park safely without causing problems for residents; or a multi-storey car park on their site. They have room to provide a multi-storey car park without taking additional Green Belt.

The student population at Edge Hill University is expected to raise a further 20% next year. This is a very serious problem which needs to be addressed.

Carole Wilson, by email.

Ormskirk is lucky to be a university town and I love it

ORMSKIRK is lucky to be a university town, but you'd never guess that from the tone of the letter the anonymous 'Ormskirk resident' last week (October 9).

He or she claims that Edge Hill has brought nothing but misery and chaos, using words like 'invasion', 'intolerable noise', 'a drain on our services', 'students behave like animals' and so on.

Wow!

The writer obviously hates everything connected with Edge Hill University. Such venom, such anger, such fear.

I love Ormskirk and the uni.

The town is a peaceful, respectable and friendly place and Edge Hill boasts brilliant architecture, cultural activities and great academic success.

And the vast majority of students are clever, polite, and good citizens.

So, rejoice, we're so lucky with 'town and gown'!

Your writer signs off with "let's all live in harmony and tranquility" - you could fool me!

Maurice George (a proud resident).

Drop us a line...

IF you've got a view on a topic of local or national interest which you would like to share with the readers of the Champion, why not drop us a line?

Letters can be posted or emailed to the respective addresses listed at the top of this page. They should be concise, preferably no more than 350 words, and include the sender's name, address and contact details, although not necessarily for publication.

Correspondents preferring not to have their name and/or their address published may provide a suitable nom de plume, or one may be provided for them.

The editor reserves the right to edit all items submitted for favour of publication.

■ PLEASE note: All views and opinions expressed in letters to the editor are solely those of the authors.

We're already experiencing 'project reality' about the likely consequences of Brexit

IN response to the letter from Leon Graham of Burscough concerning Brexit (October 9) the UK is already experiencing 'project reality' in relation to Brexit.

How many more warnings will it take from car manufacturers such as the one from Nissan that the imposition of 10% tariffs on their cars in the event of a no-deal Brexit car manufacturing in Sunderland will become unsustainable?

This stark warning could not be clearer could it?

The owners of the Vauxhall plant in Ellesmere Port have issued another stark warning a few months ago that the plant will close in the event of a no-deal Brexit.

So this is not 'project fear' as Brexiteers like to call it but the reality of Brexit.

A recent meeting at Aughton Village Hall was told that a no-deal Brexit would result in a 12% contraction of the Merseyside economy which compares to a contraction of 0.2% in the recession following the banking crisis in 2009-10!

It is high time for the public to be asked again whether they really still want Brexit as people are now far more aware of the real effects of it 40 months on from the referendum.

Dermot O'Hara, by email.

Couple's help much appreciated

I WOULD like to say thank-you to the couple who came to my rescue at Ormskirk bus station on the afternoon of Sunday, September 29.

When running after a bus I fell flat on my face and injured myself.

The couple did first aid before the ambulance arrived and their help was much appreciated.

Margaret Vose (83), Scarisbrick.

Everybody I spoke to was against Church Fields development

I WRITE in response to the report in the Champion (October 2) in which the council say that a significant majority are in favour of the proposed development on Church Fields in Ormskirk.

I find this hard to believe as all the people I spoke to about it were against this.

Where does this significant majority live?

I also question whether they were aware of the full facts in that this would mean the loss of the only remaining green open space.

I suspect there is 'something rotten in the state of Denmark'!

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Age UK Lancashire to pilot cognitive therapy course at Ormskirk Wellbeing Centre

OFFICIALS of AGE UK Lancashire say the charity is delighted to be at the forefront of a new cognitive therapy course designed to help people with dementia maintain memory and mental functioning.

The course, Maintenance Cognitive Stimulation Therapy (MCST), is one of the first of its kind in the area and Age UK Lancashire will be launching sessions at its Wellbeing Centre on Moorgate, Ormskirk.

The pilot course, costing £180 and initially open to armed forces veterans, will take place on Mondays, starting November 4, from 12.30 to 3pm. Sessions will include lunch.

If successful, the charity hopes to make the course available to the wider community.

Louise Reynolds from Age UK Lancashire, said: "This new service is the only non-drug treatment recommended by health professionals and is proven to improve cognition, independence and wellbeing. We are delighted to be able to deliver this type of therapy locally.

"The course is 12 weeks long and is based in a safe group environment. Participants will take part in a range of creative and physical activities, as well as topical discussion and musical activities. Experienced members of staff from our dementia support team have been specially trained to deliver a professional and engaging service."

People taking part in the new Maintenance Cognitive Stimulation Therapy course which is set to be piloted in Ormskirk by Age UK Lancashire.

MCST aims to improve physical and mental wellbeing and increase confidence. Evidence from courses delivered across the country also found that the benefits had a positive impact on carers and families too.

Ms Reynolds added: "There are limited spaces available on the pilot course which begins in November. We have secured funding to heavily subsidise the cost to ensure the therapy is affordable and we are able to offer the course at £180 for the full 12 weeks.

"This really is a huge step forward for the non-drug treatment of dementia and if it proves successful we hope to be able to provide further courses in the future to a wider group."

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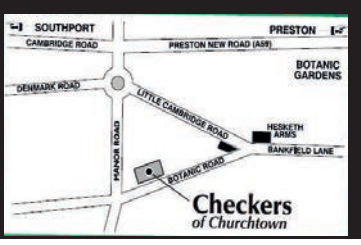

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Champion gymnast has high hopes that young charges will follow in her footsteps

Report by **Kenny Parker**

A CHAMPION gymnast who coaches children at the Burscough Racquet and Fitness Centre has high hopes that some of her young charges will soon be following her steps up the podium to national glory.

Lydia Browne from Burscough became national aerobic champion for the seniors age group (18 and over) at the British Gymnastics Championships held at the M&S Bank Arena, Liverpool in July.

Before achieving such success, however, the 18-year-old was already the lead gymnastics coach at the fitness and racquet centre on Bobby Langton Way.

And as she continues in her work there she hopes to give back to the sport and dreams of helping her pupils become British champions as well one day.

The facility offers weekly sessions for children of all ages where they can learn how to balance, vault and somersault over a continuous course.

Now, due to the popularity of the classes, they have taken on a new coach, Ella Snaylam, to help Lydia.

Lydia said: "I have always wanted to give something back to the sport I enjoy so much and seeing the children achieving - whether that be their first cartwheel or first competitive success - is what I love.

"Ella joining me has enabled us to increase class sizes and introduce more session times, giving more opportunities for children to get into this fantastic sport.

National champion Lydia Browne putting young gymnasts at the Burscough Racquet and Fitness Centre through their paces.

This means we now cater for children aged two to 16 years old every week.

"Some of the youngsters are already showing real potential and are having their own successes. I hope one day to be able to say that I trained a British Champion in gymnastics right here in Burscough!"

Lydia herself took up the sport at the age of six, initially competing in general gymnastics before later progressing to aerobic gymnastics which was to become her specialism.

Proud

Mark Snaylam, contract manager for the West Lancashire Community Leisure Trust, which runs the Burscough centre, said: "We're very proud to have instructors of Lydia's calibre working for us across the West Lancashire Community Leisure Trust. Local kids getting such expert tuition in this inclusive sport bodes well for the future of gymnastics in the region."

Any parents/guardians interested in signing their children up for a gymnastics course at Burscough Racquet and Fitness Centre can call into the leisure centre, ring 01704 895266, or visit www.westlancsleisure.com/burscough and complete the enquiry form.

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Sean Mellor from Widnes Vikings Foundation (far right) and former Salford and Wales international Paul Highton (far left) with some of the Offload squad members.

Edge Hill report helps RL charity win funding extension for mental health programme

ACADEMICS at Edge Hill University have helped a sporting charity secure funding to extend a successful mental health programme for men.

The university's sport and mental health research team were commissioned by Rugby League Cares to explore the impact of their Offload programme which aims to improve men's mental health with the results made public to coincide with World Mental Health Day last Thursday, October 10.

Between April 2017 and September 2018, 972 men from some of England's most deprived communities, with a high prevalence of suicide, engaged in the Offload programme. After taking part, 78 per cent reported feeling more aware of how to look after their health and wellbeing, and 74 per cent felt better able to cope with everyday life.

The Edge Hill report has helped RL Cares secure a further grant from the National Lottery Community Fund which will enable Offload to continue for at least another two years in the three existing areas of Salford, Warrington and Widnes, with the ambition to expand into more rugby league communities.

Led by Professor Andy Smith and involving research assistant Rachel Wilcock, Dr David Haycock and Jon Jones, the Edge Hill team worked closely with Offload participants, RL Cares staff, former rugby league players, officials and clinical mental health experts to assess impact.

Andy said: "We were delighted to undertake research which will positively impact on the mental health of men from some of the most disadvantaged communities in North West England.

"How many men revealed to us that the programme has literally saved their life is quite humbling and is testimony to the hard work of everyone involved."

One participant said: "I can honestly say Offload saved my life. That night that I went to Offload for the very first time, I was planning to do it [attempt to take my own life] again, so I can't sing its praises enough to be honest. I wouldn't be here without it."

Funded by the Big Lottery and in partnership with State of Mind Sport, Offload aims to address low level mental health problems by inviting men to engage with current and former professional players at the Salford Red Devils, Warrington Wolves and Widnes Vikings clubs.

Participants are encouraged to become more aware of their own mental health and are equipped with tools and techniques to improve their well-being. The honesty of former players who shared their own experiences of mental health problems was also highlighted in participant responses.

Liam Parker, health manager at Rugby League Cares, commended the role played by the Edge Hill team. He said: "The findings of their research provide compelling evidence of the impact of Offload and their support has been essential in us securing an extra two years funding to continue the life-saving work of the programme."

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Martyn Griffiths, a volunteer at the Southport museum, will give an illustrated talk using many of the 1,000s of photographs he has digitised from the Atkinson's collection.

Images featured in the presentation include many scanned from glass negatives and photographs from the 1850s to the 1930s.

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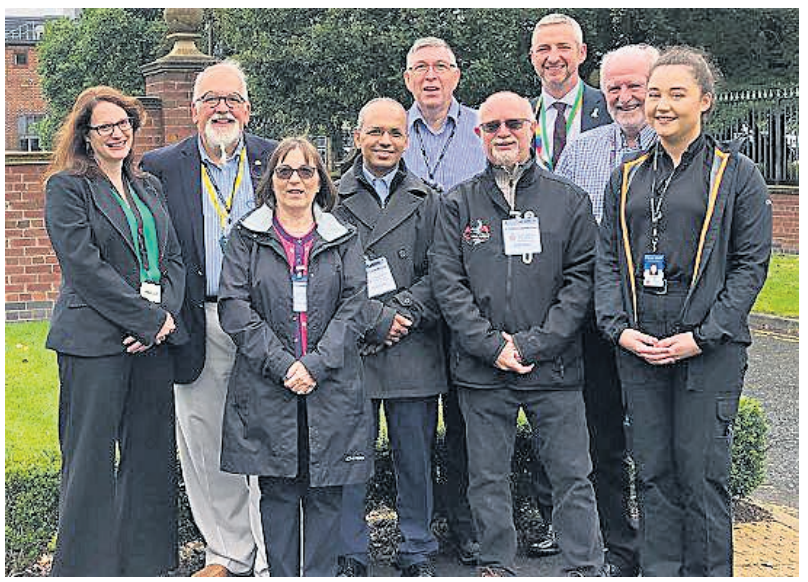
'Cyber volunteers' shortlisted for outstanding contribution to police online safety campaign

A TEAM of Lancashire Police volunteers who have delivered Internet safety training to 17,000 people have been shortlisted for a prestigious award.

The 20 'cyber volunteers' have been nominated for a Lord Ferrers Award, which honours those who provide an outstanding contribution to policing through volunteer work.

Winners were due to be announced at an awards ceremony in London yesterday (Tuesday, October 15).

In the 18 months since the team was set up, the cyber volunteers have delivered around 2,000 hours of online safety training to 17,000 people across Lancashire in schools, colleges, universities, businesses, community and faith groups, and groups for older people, as well as organisations such as the Scouts and Guides.



Some of the 'cyber volunteers' who have helped to spread the word about online safety.

Positive impact

And the training has been delivered without any cost to the force, which Lancashire Constabulary says frees up officers to investigate crimes and provide a visible presence on the streets.

The team was nominated for the award by Louisa Murphy, who works in the Lancashire Police Cyber Crime Unit and oversees the volunteers.

She said: "Volunteering is a hugely selfless act and anybody who gives their time in this way deserves recognition.

"However the cyber volunteers have gone above and beyond. They have given the tools for staying safe online to thousands and thousands of people. The positive impact of this can't be overstated.

"They have given their time whenever they have been needed, educating schoolchildren as young as five, as well as visiting business and attending meetings of other groups and organisations.

"I'm so proud of them and so pleased they've been shortlisted for the award."

The awards are run by the Home Office and the volunteers, aged between 20 and 70, have been nominated for the 'Police Support Volunteer' team award.

Lancashire's Police and Crime Commissioner, Clive Grunshaw, said: "I am delighted that our cyber volunteers have rightly been recognised for the fantastic work they do across the whole of Lancashire, supporting businesses and individuals to stay safe online. They are also a vital part of ensuring my 'Be Cyber Wise' campaign reaches those who are most vulnerable to being targeted by online criminals and help them spot scams before they become victims."

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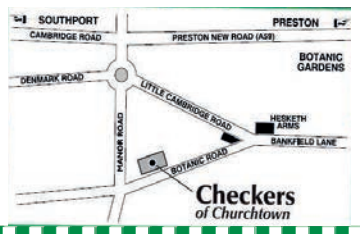

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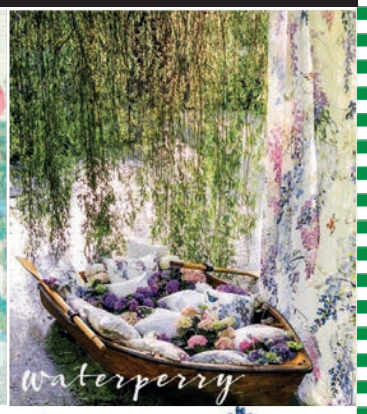

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Pupils from St Anne's Catholic Primary and Ormskirk West End Primary who took part in a mock Parliamentary debate on gaming pictured with 'Speaker' County Councillor Nikki Hennessy.

Pupils become MPs for a day to debate effects of gaming

...and local councillor relishes opportunity to shout "Order!"

PUPILS from two local primary schools took the roles of Government and the Opposition in a mock Parliamentary debate with County Councillor Nikki Hennessy acting as Speaker of the House.

Councillor Hennessy was invited to preside when the Year 5 and 6 pupils from St Anne's Catholic Primary School and Ormskirk West End Primary School, debated the motion 'Should there be limits on gaming'?

As St Anne's were the hosts, they acted as the Government with West End as the official Opposition.

The debate was organised by West End Primary's headteacher Phil Clarke and St Anne's teacher, Karen Avington, who both undertook Parliament Teacher Ambassador training in January.

Cllr. Hennessy said: "It was fun being promoted to Speaker of the House as part of our Local Schools Parliament. Both sides voiced their support for there to be limits set on gaming and noted too much gaming could affect how they behave.

"If watching aggressive games it could affect their relationship with friends and family, while some have had nightmares after playing games. And there is a financial cost - but it is also a lot of fun!

"And, like true politicians, what they said and how they voted were two very different things - 30 voted for limits to gaming and 21 voted against!

"I was so proud to listen to each and everyone take turns to speak up. And of course, I got to say 'Order! Order!'

"A big thank-you to all the pupils who took part and to the teachers who supported the event."

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I take food fetishes with more than a pinch of salt

THROWING the baby out with the bathwater.

A phrase which I may have rather over-used of late - but it's hard not to with the ever-increasing lists of things you shouldn't do or eat.

I was converted some time ago into trying to maintain my 'five a day' and have discovered that yes, many vegetables I never considered before are more than edible.

So that was good.

Except that salt has become a taboo substance now - which means (if I followed the rules) that I probably couldn't actually taste many of my veg.

Now I can understand that too much salt is a 'bad thing' - but returning to sayings, whatever happened to someone being 'the salt of the earth' - meaning they were very, very good?

My dad suffered painfully from night-time cramps and his GP suggested he should try using salt tablets.

I was going to say that most meats too (including chicken) need a modicum of salt should you wish to bring out the flavour.

Except that if I am to save the polar bears I am now told that eating meat will bring ruin and a gnashing of teeth upon me.

Actually I stopped eating polar bear steaks some while ago, but I confess that the occasional sirloin, lightly seasoned, does brighten up otherwise dull days.

'Endangered'

And it occurred to me that if we all gave up eating meat (which, incidentally our bodies were designed to consume for good health) then would cows (including such impressive beasts as Highland cattle) become endangered species whose rights protesters would then block our cities' streets in order to protect?

It's just all too daft for a simple soul such as I.

Whatever happened to the idea of 'moderation?'

Tolerance (which is a key word for many a student) has in fact already more or less disappeared from our seats of learning.

Freedom of speech - yeah, right on man - just so long as we don't disapprove of what you're saying.

Just let a lecturer or don express views contrary to those of the 'student body' then wham! they are banned, sacked and if, from foreign shores, sent back to where they came from.

Interestingly, the only 'fetish' that I observe is normally drinking goat's milk (rather than that of cows) simply because I read somewhere that it was more easily digestible.

People ask me if its taste is 'stronger' than ordinary milk - and frankly I cannot taste any real difference at all.

It does cost a little more, but for the amount I consume I don't think this really is a consideration.

But what surprises me (in these health-conscious days) is that in one nationally known supermarket at least, the goat's milk, which used to share shelf space with 'ordinary' and even speciality flavoured milks, has now been moved to the 'ersatz' milk section (soya etc.)

Now that does seem odd to me.

'Real' milk, either from cows, goats or any other animal, is milk after all.

Soya milk, or any other manufactured substitute for the lactose-intolerant, is not. I confess to feeling a little put out at being treated as though I was drinking something odd.

Hey up! I feel violated, I know my rights, this supermarket move is unacceptable!

Chance to win tablet in competition to promote libraries' online resources

A SAMSUNG Galaxy Wi-Fi tablet is up for grabs in a competition run by Lancashire County Council to encourage the county's library users to explore their free online reference resources.

Running until Sunday, November 3, the competition requires entrants to answer six questions. All the answers can be found in the e-reference library. The winner will be randomly drawn from all correct entries.

The competition was launched to support Libraries Week (October 7 to 12) which this year showcased the services and activities offered by libraries, highlighting the digital resources available.

And it also aims to reinforce the importance of Get Online Week (October 14 to 20) focussing on helping people to improve their online skills and get to grips with the Internet.

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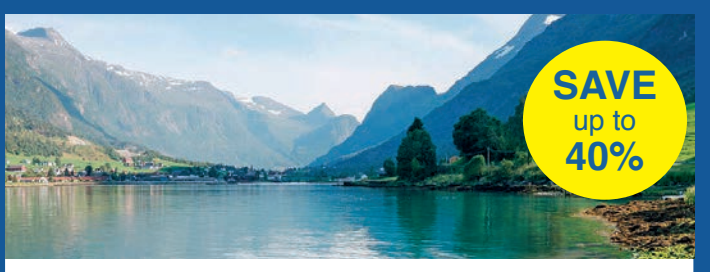

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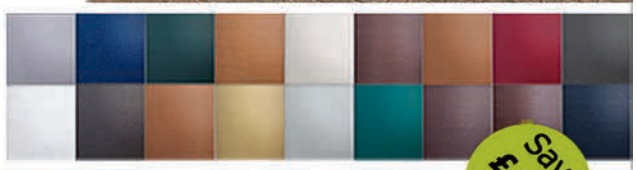

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Village primary hotshots retain borough crown

A PRIMARY school's talented football squad have won a borough-wide competition for the second year in a row.

The team from Newburgh CE Primary, made up of Year 5 and 6 pupils, retained the West Lancs Small Schools League title in impressive style at the seven-a-side championship staged over two weeks at Ormskirk School.

In notching up six victories they bagged a total of 25 goals while conceding only one, with results as follows: Halsall A (2-0); Asmall (2-1); Richard Durnings (5-0); Westhead Lathom St James (5-0); Halsall B (6-0); and Burscough Bridge (5-0).

Headteacher, Rebecca Fowler, said: "We strive to provide our pupils with lots of exciting physical activity challenges. This success is the culmination of our investment in PE and team sports across the school.

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Rosie Cooper signs letter urging EU leaders to avoid no-deal Brexit

WEST Lancs MP Rosie Cooper is a co-signatory of a letter to EU leaders urging them to 'work night and day, if required, to agree a deal' ahead of the October 31 Brexit deadline.

Ms Cooper is one of 19 Labour MPs to put their name to the letter to Jean Claude Junker and Donald Tusk arguing for the EU Commission, the EU27 and the UK government to reach an agreement to avoid a no-deal Brexit happening.

She said: "It is clear that most people here in West Lancashire and across the country are tired of the Brexit deadlock and want the situation resolved.

"I have consistently argued that an orderly Brexit is better than a no-deal Brexit.

Divisions

"I sincerely hope all those round the negotiating table are listening and willing to finally reach an agreement given it is 1,200 days since the country took the decision to leave the EU.

"I am concerned that any further delays to the UK leaving the EU will only add to the deepening public divisions we see and the growing disenchantment with politics. Until a deal is agreed the country cannot heal these divisions."

In the letter the 19 Labour MPs make the following points:

- The EU Commission, the EU27 and the UK government have to find an accommodation.
- An orderly Brexit is better than a no-deal Brexit.
- The public are tired of the deadlock and want Brexit resolved.
- That a deal will deliver an orderly Brexit, respect the 2016 referendum decision and protect the Good Friday Agreement.
- A deal can provide guarantees and rights that most voters, including Remain voters, value.
- That the parties to the negotiations should be willing to 'work night and day, if required' until an agreement is reached.

Health commissioners invite residents' views on two new draft policies governing non-standard therapies

Report by **Kenny Parker**

RESIDENTS are being encouraged to have their say on two new proposed policies governing the use of non-standard therapies in West Lancs.

The NHS West Lancashire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) is working in partnership with the other seven CCGs in Lancashire and South Cumbria to review clinical policies across the region.

As part of the process, two new draft policies are now available for patient and public engagement and feedback.

These are the policy for extracorporeal shock wave therapy (ESWT) and the policy for low intensity pulsed ultrasound (LIPUS) therapy.

ESWT is a non-invasive therapy using controlled sonic pulses of short duration to produce transient pressure disturbances in the tissues. It has been used for a variety of conditions including tennis elbow (lateral epicondylitis), Achilles' heel tendinopathy, heel pain and lithotripsy (the breaking up of stones and calcification such as kidney stones and gall stones).

LIPUS therapy is used to promote healing in fractures in bones that have either not healed or are slow to heal.

In the draft policies the CCG says that both therapies do not accord with its principles of appropriateness, effectiveness and cost-effectiveness and therefore the CCG will not routinely commission these services.

Residents are invited to read the policies and provide their feedback and comments by completing the relevant survey.

This can be accessed by visiting the Healthier Lancashire and South Cumbria website: bit.ly/WLCCGpolicy. Paper versions are also available upon request to any residents that do not have access to the Internet by calling 01772 214 244.

Comments on the policy should be submitted by Thursday, November 14.

A spokesperson for NHS West Lancashire CCG, said: "The CCG is responsible for commissioning a wide range of clinical services, including GP services, hospital services, community, mental health and learning disability services, for and on behalf of, the local population of which we serve.

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Anyone can take part in **wear it pink.** You could hold a cake sale, organise a raffle or even arrange a pink fancy dress day at your school or workplace. No matter how you choose to **wear it pink**, all the money raised will help to fund vital breast cancer research and support.

Becca from Crawley is supporting **wear it pink**, after being diagnosed with breast cancer in 2017. Becca said: *"Since I was diagnosed, I've become aware of so many other families that have been affected by this devastating disease. Mums, daughters, sisters, aunties and more. I've already lost two friends to breast cancer and two more are living with a secondary, incurable diagnosis. "I had a very aggressive form of breast cancer, so without scientific research and advances in breast cancer, my prognosis could have been very different. I have been supported all the way through my journey, and now I feel the need to channel my energy into something positive. That's why I'll be wearing it pink this October, to help raise funds for breast cancer research and support."*

In 2018 over 19,000 people registered to take part in **wear in pink**, raising an incredible £1.6m. The charity hopes to beat this total in 2019.

Lottie Barnden, Head of Mass Participation at Breast Cancer Care and Breast Cancer Now, said: *"Every year in the UK, around 55,000 women and around 350 men are given the devastating news that they have breast cancer. Despite great strides in research, around 11,500 women and 80 men still die from breast cancer every year – that's nearly one death every 45 minutes. "We currently fund around a third of all breast cancer research happening in the UK, and last year we responded to nearly 7 million breast cancer support requests. Without the generosity of wear it pink supporters we simply cannot continue to fund this crucial research and support, for all those affected by breast cancer now, and in the future. "That is why we are urging everyone across the UK to get involved in wear it pink on Friday 18 October to help us make life-saving breast cancer research and life-changing support happen!"*

Breast Cancer Care and Breast Cancer Now have united to create the UK's first comprehensive breast cancer charity, united around the shared ambition that by 2050 everyone who develops breast cancer will live, and receive the support they need to live well. Every **wear it pink** donation will help towards this goal.

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County Councillor Phillippa Williamson, Lancashire's cabinet member for children, young people and schools, said: "Just being shortlisted for the award was an incredible achievement in itself. Actually going on to win is amazing and is recognition of our fabulous catering service.

"It clearly demonstrates that our service is recognised nationally as being at the forefront of the school catering industry.

"This national external recognition reflects the efforts of everyone to deliver excellent standards of service.

"It demonstrates our commitment to providing really high-quality meals.

"I'm well aware that the service we provide is excellent, but it is very pleasing to know that this has been recognised by others as well.

"I'd like to offer my personal congratulations to everyone involved. I'm very proud of this accolade."

Tree-climbing module offers biology students chance to take learning to new heights!

Report by **Henry James**

SECOND-year biology students at Edge Hill University will have the chance to take their learning to new heights and discover new species of plants - thanks to a new tree-climbing module.

Students enrolled on Canopy Biology will learn the basics of tree climbing and how to use their newly-acquired skills to study forest canopies in Scutchers Acre, a woodland area close to the Ormskirk campus.

Led by plant science specialist Sven Batke, the new module on the course addresses a skills shortage in the industry and provides students with a practical understanding which will help them to study forest canopies throughout their degrees and future careers.

Sven said: "There's a real lack of practical climbing skills across canopy biology and with up to 25% of plants in some countries not able to survive on the ground, it is now even more important to introduce students to a module that can equip them with the tools and skills to enhance their research and help enable them to shape the future of science.

A new tree-climbing module is being launched at Edge Hill University

"I've been passionate about climbing for as long as I can remember so bringing my love for it together with science to explore a side of nature that most people don't even know is there, is very exciting."

Students will be able to gain an external qualification in Basic Canopy Access Proficiency (BCAP) as part of the module, as well as attend lectures that introduce them to the ecology, physiology and diversity of forest canopies.

Experience

Sven added: "We want to make sure that this module is as inclusive as possible so that everyone can do it. While the physical ability to be up in the canopy will help students with their understanding, it's not a requirement to pass the module.

"It's all about discovery in a safe and controlled way, having students think for themselves and always making sure their buddy is safe while exploring the canopy.

"It's an experience that students wouldn't usually get, you've got to see it to understand there's a whole world living up there."

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Watchdog set to review farm safety standards

Programme of inspections announced after latest figures show 39 farming-related deaths in UK in last year

Report by **Kenny Parker**

FARMERS are being told they must pay closer attention to how they manage workplace risk or face serious penalties after the latest national statistics show the number of deaths related to the farming industry have increased.

Figures by the Heath and Safety Executive (HSE) show that there were 39 farming workplace fatalities in 2018/19, six more than the previous year, making it once again the most dangerous industry in the UK.

Seven of the fatalities were members of the public and two were children.

The HSE is set to begin a programme of inspections to review health and safety standards on farms across the country, including the North West.

These will aim to ensure those responsible for protecting themselves and workers are doing the right things to comply with the law and prevent death, injury and ill-health. If not, the HSE says it will not hesitate to use enforcement to bring about improvements.

Inspectors will be checking that risks are being controlled in specific areas including machinery, falls from height, children and livestock.

The announcement follows a series of compliance events developed as a result of research into farmers' attitudes to risk and are aimed at changing behaviours in the industry. Farmers in the area were given the opportunity to attend one of these events, paid for by HSE, to help them comply with the law and prepare for the inspections.

Andrew Turner, acting Head of Agriculture at the Health and Safety Executive: "Inspections act as a reminder of the importance of managing risks."

Of the 39 killed in the last year, 14 were struck by moving vehicles, nine were in incidents involving cattle, seven involved falls from a height and three by being struck by an object.

In addition, three were killed by contact with machinery, two by asphyxiation/drowning, and one died after being stuck on barbed wire.

Only one of the deaths was in the North West when a 53-year-old farm worker was killed in Cheshire after being crushed against a fence by a cow as a vet was administering treatment.

HSE's acting Head of Agriculture, Andrew Turner, said: "We are seeing signs of a change in attitude across the farming industry and while this is encouraging, these inspections act as a reminder to farmers of the importance of managing risks so that everyone can go home healthy and safe from work.

Change

"Everyone involved in farming has a role to play. Those working in the industry need to understand the risks they face and the simple ways they can be managed. Those that work with the industry can be part of the change that is so badly needed.

"Farmers, managers and workers are reminded that death, injuries and cases of ill-health are not an inevitable part of farming."

HSE has a range of resources and guides available to help employers and employees improve health and safety on farms.

A guide providing more information on what topics the inspectors will be looking at when they visit farms can be found at www.hse.gov.ukby searching 'What a good farm looks like'.

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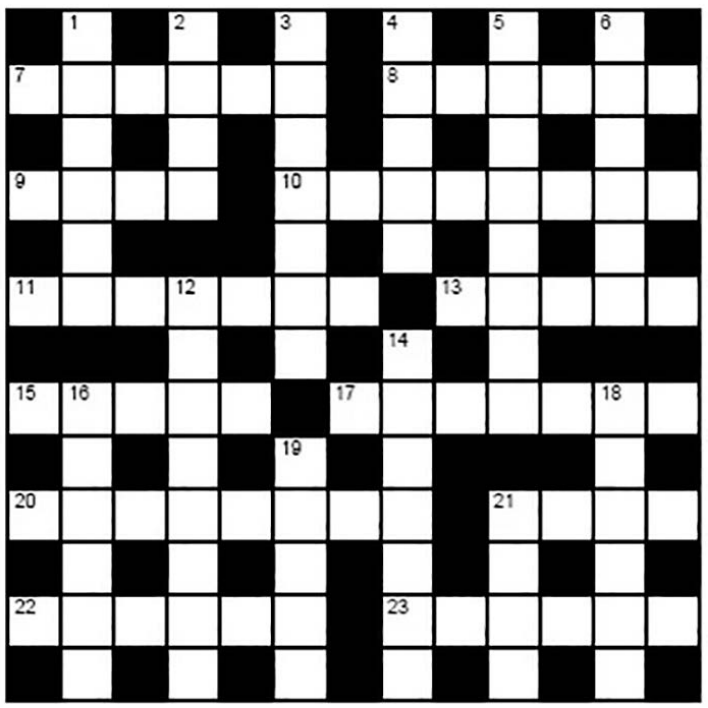

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ACROSS

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8. Something that is very unusual (6)
9. One hundredth or a dollar or Euro (4)
10. To deprive of energy or vitality (8)
11. Small blister full of clear fluid (7)
13. Uncomfortable feeling on the skin that makes you want to scratch (5)
15. Right-hand page of an open book (5)
17. Informal term for a deliberately combative or uncooperative person or attitude (7)
20. Suffering a severe and damaging lack of basic material and cultural benefits (8)
21. Of great or more than average height (4)
22. Arranged in a straight line (6)
23. Gentle or joyful sound made by a horse (6)

DOWN

1. Dairy foodstuff product (6)
2. Move swiftly and lightly (4)
3. Completely and without qualification (7)
4. Large, upper-story bay with windows supported by brackets or on corbels (5)
5. Dignity; solemnity of manner (8)
6. Loop of thread resulting from a single needle movement in sewing (6)
12. Global computer network (8)
14. To cause (something) to sink in wet or muddy ground (3,4)
16. Medicine that induces vomiting (6)
18. Land mass surrounded by water (6)
19. Hard, white material from the tusks of elephants (5)
21. Slender woody shoot growing from a branch or stem of a tree or shrub (4)

Family toasts online drinks firm success

Report by **Henry James**

BUSINESS is booming for a brother and sister team who have recorded their 20,000th sale - just two years after setting up their online 'pimp your drinks' enterprise.

Danielle Makinson and Liam Bromfield, originally from Maghull, launched Unicorn Shimmer Co in October 2017 to offer products adding colour and sparkle to drinks for bars and restaurants or people having house parties.

27-year-old Danielle, who now lives in Ormskirk, came up with the idea when she wanted to do something different for her own birthday party but couldn't find anything she liked.

And although originally based in her then home in Maghull, the company now has its own offices in Bootle. Danielle said: "I did some research online and there was just one 'pimp your drinks' product offering one colour - and not my own favourite which is pink. Also, I wasn't a fan of their raspberry flavouring, so I researched the ingredients and came up with my own unflavoured product!

"I did a lot of research and found a manufacturer who could make my vision come true and finally I decided to launch it as a business. After starting with Shimmer Powders in five colours initially we now offer 17 to choose from.

And she has since expanded the range to include syrups, garnishes, sweets and popular alcohol gift sets.

Danielle and 24-year-old Liam had no help starting up the company and simply relied on the knowledge they acquired while both taking business studies at GCSE and A-Level at Deyes High School.

Working as a waitress at the time to make ends meet, Danielle borrowed £50 from her mum to buy the first bottles, while Liam helped every evening after work, along with dad, Steven, and her husband, Ian when they started to expand.

Danielle added: "I created all the content, photos and videos used to advertise on social media and created my own website. These were then spotted by huge brands who wanted to share our videos on their pages and social media!

Cheers to us... Danielle and Liam toast their success.

"Since then we have been featured by brands such as LadBible, UniLad, Pretty52, Boohoo, Channel 4 Sunday Brunch, OK Magazine, the Daily Mirror and more!

"We moved into a serviced office in Bootle and have expanded it by six sizes since and we now also have a following of 75,000 on our social media platforms.

"Liam joined me and my dad to help with the running of the business full time in February 2019. We also have help from Kaia, Mia and Nell from Deyes High Sixth form who are a credit to the team.

"And we have just celebrated our second birthday and achieving more than 20,000 orders since the day we launched!"

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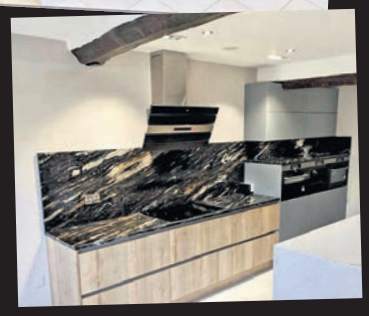

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Girls Don't Play Guitars was a 'fun night out'

Review by **Pete Rimmer**

Girls Don't Play Guitars
Royal Court Theatre Liverpool

"GIRLS don't play guitars," quipped John Lennon as he watched four girls take the stage of the Cavern Club, Liverpool in 1963. The band was The Liverbirds and they proved Lennon wrong, going on to great success all over Europe and even Japan, blasting audiences with their hard rockin' R'n'B.

This musical is the story of these feisty young girls, playing support gigs all over Europe with the likes of The Kinks, Rolling Stones, Chuck Berry and even Jimi Hendrix.

They turned down having Brian Epstein as their manager in favour of a few weeks at the Star Club in Hamburg, for them a good choice.

The play is fact-based as two of the original group Mary McGlory (bass), Sylvia Saunders (drums) are still around and can confirm the details even if some of them are rather exaggerated!.

With live footage of The Liverbirds in their heyday still available, the set designers are able to recreate TV studios, the Cavern and Star Clubs, giving a good feeling to the play.

It's all about girls playing guitars and this they do in fine style. The actors, Molly Grace Cutler, Alice McKenna, Sarah Workman and Lisa Wright, are a real band and could have any venue rocking. They can also act and give real energy to a fast moving happy story.

We see the male actors playing Paul McCartney, John Lennon, Klaus Voorman, Bill Harry, Dave and Ray Davies, Larry Page and, of course, Brian Epstein making fleeting appearances and Guy Freeman struts his stuff well playing a very humorous Mick Jagger.

A scene from Girls Don't Play Guitars

A Merseybeat play without the music of the Beatles make a real change and this band play R'n'B, everything from Bo Diddley and Chuck Berry to a couple of new songs written by the show's writer, Bob Eaton plus some originals from the Liverbirds guitarist Pam Birch.

A real surprise for the audience was the encore with a guest appearance from Pam and Silvia, the two surviving Liverbirds. They can still play with the same energy 50 years on.

The Liverbirds may be an overlooked piece of sixties Merseybeat history but the play helps us to remember all those groups around at the time.

Star Rating: 9 out of 10. A fun night out

Star cast appearing in Alan Ayckbourn comedy at theatre

TEN Times Table, written by multi-award-winning writer Alan Ayckbourn, will embark on a nationwide tour and will be at the Southport Theatre from October 28 – 31.

Ten Times Table is the inaugural production of The Classic Comedy Theatre Company, produced by Bill Kenwright and his team behind The Agatha Christie, The Classic Thriller and The Classic Screen To Stage theatre companies.

The star cast is led by TV and stage actor Robert Daws, who is most loved for his role as Dr. Gordon Ormerod in The Royal as well as his time in other hit shows such as Poldark, Outside Edge and Roger Roger.

Joining him is Deborah Grant, best known for playing Wendy in Not Going Out and Deborah Bergerac in Bergerac. Emmerdale and Holby City star Gemma Oaten is joined by Robert Duncan of Drop The Dead Donkey fame and theatre veteran Mark Curry, well known for his appearances in Hollyoaks.

Craig Gazey, famous for his portrayal of Graeme Proctor in Coronation Street completes the cast, alongside Elizabeth Power known for playing Christine Hewitt in EastEnders.

Grease to tour the UK again next year

FOLLOWING a successful UK and Ireland tour in 2019, the first new production in 25 years of Jim Jacobs and Warren Casey's iconic musical Grease will tour the UK again in 2020.

It will be directed by Nikolai Foster and choreographed by Arlene Phillips. Dan Partridge (Rum Tum Tugger in the International Tour of Cats) will reprise the role of Danny Zuko, with further casting to be announced.

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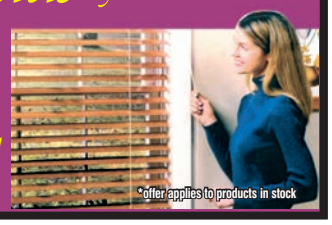
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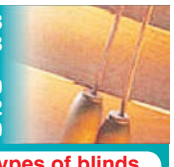
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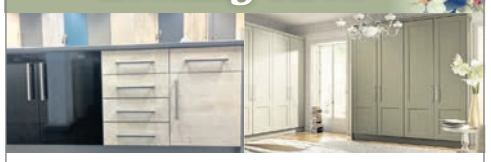

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

ASHCROFT ALFRED (ALF)

Susan and family would like to express their heartfelt thanks to all relatives, friends and neighbours for all the sympathy cards, messages of condolence and donations for SSAFA and NRAS received during they recent sad loss. Special thanks to Rev. Paul Robinson for his kind words and prayers and to Margaret Hunter and the Team at MLS Independent Funeral Directors for their care and guidance given.

DEATHS

NEWSHAM ALAN

6th October 2019
Aged 91 years

Alan passed away peacefully in hospital surrounded by loved ones. He will be sadly missed by his loving partner Marion and all his family and friends.

Service at Southport Crematorium on Friday 18th October at 2:40pm. Enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 1-5 Roe Lane, Southport, PR9 9DR. Telephone: 01704 500086.

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DEATHS

GREGSON JOYCE

9th October 2019
Aged 92 years

Beloved Daughter of the late Amos and Margaret. Dearest Sister of Audrey. Joyce will be greatly missed by all her family and friends. Service at St Cuthbert's Parish Church, Churchtown on Thursday 24th October at 12:30pm followed by interment at St Cuthbert's Churchyard. Flowers welcome. Enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 1-5 Roe Lane, Southport, PR9 9DR. Telephone: 01704 500086.

COOKSON SUSAN GRACE

October 12th 2019
Peacefully at home surrounded by her loving family
Aged 76 years

Funeral service at West Lancashire Crematorium, Pippin Street, Burscough on Wednesday October 23rd 2019 at 1:00 pm. Family flowers only please but donations, if desired for Woodlands Hospice. All further enquiries to Graham J Clegg Funeral Service, 7 Dover Road, Maghull. L31 5JB. Tel: 0151 520 3330

WALLIS JOSEPH

28th September 2019
In hospital aged 87 years

Devoted Husband of Irene.

Service and Interment at Thornton Garden of Rest, Lydiate Lane, Thornton, L23 1TP on Monday 21st October 2019 at 2.00pm.

All enquiries to H. Leslie Humphreys, 69 Liverpool Road, Crosby, L23 5SE. Tel: 0154 924 4805

DEATHS

SCHUNKE ADRIAN

30th September 2019
Suddenly at home, aged 62 years.

Loving Husband of Pauline, loving Dad to Michael and Nicola, Father-in-law to Charlotte, Brother to Andrew, Paul, and much loved friend to many. Adrian will be sadly missed by all of his family, friends, golfers and Driving Instructors of Southport.

A Funeral Service will be held at 10.30am on Wednesday 23rd October 2019 at Emmanuel Church, Cambridge Road, Southport followed by Interment at Liverpool Road Cemetery, Southport. Family flowers only please but donations are most welcome to North West Air Ambulance and Kidney Research Northwest. Further enquiries please to Moisters Funeral Directors, 8 Marshside Road, Churchtown, Southport. PR9 8PF Tel: 01704 227430.

MCGRATH FRANCIS JOSEPH (FRANK)

Passed away peacefully 7th October 2019

Dearly loved Husband of the late Angela. Loved and missed by all his family and friends. Funeral Mass and Interment at St. Annes R.C. Church, Ormskirk on Monday 21st October 2019 at 12 noon Family flowers only please by request but donations if so desired for Alzheimers Society.

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DEATHS

TOOTILL PAUL

10th October 2019 surrounded by his loving family aged 66 years

Much loved Husband of Loz. Devoted Dad of Paula, Cathy, Luke, Beccy, Scott and Poppy. Cherished Grandad of Sofia, Finn, Sienna, Isla and best friend of Alan.

Will be very sadly missed by all his family and friends. Funeral service and interment will take place at St. Michaels and All Angels Church Dalton on Friday 18th October at 11am. Family flowers only please by request. Donations are yet to be decided. All enquiries Margaret Whitelam, Skelmersdale Funeral Service. 29/31 Sandy Lane Tel:01695 559868

TURNER STEPHEN

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Died at Liverpool Heart and Chest Hospital

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For further enquiries please contact Anabel Hunter, MLS Independent Funeral Directors, Aughton, Lancs, L39 5DZ. Tel: 01695 424888.

DEATHS

HUDSON DENNIS

October 7th 2019
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DEATHS

HAESTIER MAUREEN JANET

Passed away peacefully at home 8th October 2019 aged 78 years

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Funeral Service at Christ Church, Parbold on Thursday 17th October 2019 at 2.15pm, Followed by committal at West Lancs Crematorium. Family flowers only please by request but donations are being gratefully received for Queenscourt Hospice.

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DEATHS

SPAFFORD GARY JAMES

5th October 2019

Aged 31 Years

It is with heavy hearts that we place this notice.
Gary was tragically taken away from us far too early, with his whole life ahead of him.
His fun loving devotion to his Daughter Abbie Rose was unwavering. He leaves behind his ever loving Parents Nev & Elaine, Step Dad Tony, soulmate Hannah, devoted Grandma Mary, Brother and best buddy Karl and new friend Sister in law Christa, all of whom are beyond devastated
He leaves a huge hole in many lives and will be missed for a very long time by all who knew him, the rest of his family, his many, many pals & all his customers at Tree A Team.
Family flowers only please but any donations gratefully received will be put into a trust fund for Abbie Rose's future
Funeral arrangements to be confirmed at a later date but please, black clothes not necessary.
All enquires to Howards Funeral Directors, 1-5 Roe Lane, Southport, Tel 01704 500086

NORMANTON PATRICIA MARY

October 1st 2019

Peacefully

Aged 95 years.

Patricia is now reunited with her beloved family and will be sadly missed by all who knew her.
Funeral service and cremation at Thornton Crematorium on Wednesday 23rd October at 10:40am

All enquiries to Craven Funeral Service, 232 Warbreck Moor, L9 0HZ
Tel: 0151 525 1212

WILLIAMS FRANK

7th October 2019

Aged 68 Years

Died surrounded by his loving family.
Devoted Husband of Susanne, adored Father to Katrina and Jemima, much cherished Grandpa, Brother and Uncle.
His gentle warmth will be dearly missed by his family, friends and all who knew him.
Requiem Mass at St. Joseph's Church Birkdale on Monday 21st October at 2pm. Donations are being collected in lieu of flowers for the Walton Centre, Liverpool and The Christie NHS Foundation Trust.
Enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 1-5 Roe Lane, Southport, PR9 9DR
Telephone: 01704 500086

MOORES ALAN

After a long illness peacefully at home on 7th October 2019, aged 75 years.

Much loved Husband of Gail, Much loved Father of Helen, Dear Father-In Law of Nicola, Loving Granddad of Kai and Luke.
Alan will be sadly missed by all his family and friends.
Funeral service and committal will take place at Thornton Crematorium on Monday 28th October 2019 at 12.00noon.
Followed by a thanksgiving of the life of Alan at Holy Trinity Church, Rosemary Lane, Formby at 1.15pm.
Family flowers only by request but the family are gratefully receiving donations for The Alzheimer's Society.
Further enquiries to Co-op Funeralcare, 58 Brows Lane, Formby L37 4ED
Telephone 01704-878480

JOLLY SUSAN

Lovingly known as 'Sue' to many

Passed away peacefully at home on Tuesday 8th October 2019 surrounded by her devastated family

Sue leaves behind her adoring Husband Graham, Daughter Helen, Son Philip, Son in law Paul, Daughter in law Kirsty, Sister Gillian and Grandchildren Amy, Kieran, Hayden and Chloe.
Sue will be sadly missed by all her family who have been heartbroken by her untimely passing.
She was loved by all her friends she made over the years.
Sue will be laid to rest on Tuesday 22nd October at 10.30am at Ormskirk Parish Church. Refreshments at Yew Tree Pub afterwards.
Family flowers only.
All donations to Cancer Research.
All enquiries to Hunters Funeral Directors
128b Burscough St, Ormskirk L39 2EY
Tel: 01695 572997

CROTTY IAN

29th September 2019

Peacefully

aged 51 years

Funeral service at West Lancashire Crematorium on Thursday 17th October 2019 at 11:30am
All enquiries to H Hardman & Co. Tel:01695 722122/720012

MCKENZIE KATHLEEN 'KATH'

Peacefully in hospital on 2nd October 2019, aged 77 years.

Kath will be sadly missed by all her family and friends. Funeral Service and committal will take place at Southport Crematorium on Wednesday 23rd October 2019 at 12:40pm. Family flowers only by request please but the family are gratefully receiving donations for The Alzheimer's Society.
Further enquiries to Moisters Funeral Directors, 25a Sefton Street, Southport. PR8 6SG.
Tel 01704 501501

PUBLIC NOTICES

LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(U301 CRABTREE LANE, BURSCOUGH, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2019
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council intend to make an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.
1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of U301 Crabtree Lane, Burscough from a point 278m South West of the junction with U396 Orrell Lane, Burscough for a distance of 45m in a South Westerly direction.
2. Nothing in this order shall apply to persons engaged in the carrying out of the works.
3. The prohibition will be operative from 0930 hours until 1530 hours on Monday 28th October 2019 or until completion of the works within this period.
4. An alternative routes for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:-
Southbound Diversion
U301 Crabtree Lane, Burscough – U300 Higgins Lane, Burscough – A59 Liverpool Road South, Burscough – A59 Liverpool Road North, Burscough – C137 Red Cat Lane, Burscough – U301 Crabtree Lane, Burscough and vice versa.
Northbound Diversion
U301 Crabtree Lane, Burscough – C137 Redcat Lane, Burscough – C137 Tarlscough Lane, Burscough – U3617 Marsh Moss Lane, Burscough – U304 New Lane, Burscough – U303 New Lane, Burscough – U301 Crabtree Lane, Burscough and vice versa.
The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow repair works to the swing bridge parapet to be carried out by A1 Traffic Safety Services on behalf of British Waterways.
Authority given for this Order to be made:
Peter Bell, Regulation and Enforcement Manager, Highways and Transport, 0300 123 6780 [Ref: HRiT/20606/EW]

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PUBLIC NOTICES

LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(U354 SUTCH LANE, LATHOM, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2019
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council intend to make an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.
1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle or cycle to proceed over that length of U354 Sutch Lane, Lathom from the Level Crossing for a distance of 20m in a southerly direction.
2. Nothing in this order shall apply to persons engaged in the carrying out of the works.
3. The prohibition will be operative from 0020 hours until 0820 hours on Sunday 3rd November 2019 or until completion of the works within this period.
4. An alternative route for vehicular traffic is not possible as this is a dead end road
The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow the lifting a replacing of the level crossing to be carried out by Centurion Site Services on behalf of Network Rail.
Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager, Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6780 [Ref: HRiT/19697/EW]

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(F8863 FOOTPATH TOWN CENTRE PLAZA TO GLENBURN ROAD, SKELMERSDALE, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2019
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.
1. No person shall cause any pedestrian to proceed over that length of F8863 Footpath Town Centre Plaza to Glenburn Road, Skelmersdale from 50m West of F7555 Town Centre Plaza, Skelmersdale to F1537 Yewdale.
2. Nothing in this order shall apply to persons engaged in the carrying out of the works.
3. The prohibition will be operative from 0000 hours on Monday 14th October 2019 until 2359 hours on Friday 31st January 2020 or until completion of the works within this period.
4. A diversion will be signed locally.
The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow the construction of a new shared use cycleway to be carried out by Lancashire County Council – Design and Construction.
Authority given for this Order to be made:
Peter Bell, Regulation and Enforcement Manager, Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6780 [Ref: HRiT/20805/EW/1]

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(C164 HOSCAR MOSS ROAD, LATHOM, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2019
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council intend to make an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.
1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of C164 Hoscar Moss Road, Lathom from 25m South West of the Level Crossing to 25m North East of the Level Crossing.
2. Nothing in this order shall apply to persons engaged in the carrying out of the works.
3. The prohibition will be operative from 0005 until 0530 hours on Tuesday 29th October 2019 or until completion of the works within this period. Access will be for pedestrian traffic only.
4. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- C164 Hoscar Moss Road, Lathom – C164 Wanes Blades Road Lathom – C164 Mains Lane, Bispham – B5246 Hall Lane, Bispham – B5246 Robin Lane, Hilldale – B5246 Chorley Road, Hilldale – B5246 Lancaster Lane, Parbold – A5209 Alder Lane, Parbold – A5209 Ash Brow, Newburgh – A5209 Course Lane, Newburgh – A5209 Course Lane, Lathom – A5209 Lowry Hill Lane, Lathom – A5209 Briars Lane, Lathom – C164 Ring O Bells Lane, Lathom – C164 Hoscar Moss Road, Lathom and vice versa.
The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow the servicing of the level crossing to be carried out by Centurion Site Services on behalf of Network Rail.
Authority given for this Order to be made: [Ref: HRiT/19222/EW]

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West Lancashire Borough Council
Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Act 1990 Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 - Article 15
APPLICATION(S) FOR PLANNING PERMISSION
2019/0712/FUL Demolition of existing vacant single storey building. Erection of 13 two storey houses (7 x 2 bed & 6 x 3 bed) with associated car parking, amenity gardens and landscaping of Eskbank and its connecting footpaths at Eskbank Day Nursery, 42A Eskbank, Tanhouse, Skelmersdale.
2019/0947/ARM Proposed re-plan of plots 74-88 and 116-131 of reserved matters 2017/0431/ARM to provide 16 no. detached houses (net loss of 15 dwellings) at Site Of Former Yew Tree Farm, Liverpool Road South, Burscough.
2019/0960/FUL Proposed erection of 3 new office buildings (1,682 square metres gross internal area in total), 70 car parking spaces (including 6 accessible spaces and 6 electric vehicle charging spaces), and associated hard and soft landscaping, refuse storage and solar charging PV canopies at Maple Court, Maple View, Whitemoss Business Park, Skelmersdale.
2019/0982/FUL Erection of a detached dwelling with associated landscaping and access works at Friars Wood, Lancaster Lane, Parbold. The application affects a Conservation Area.
2019/0983/FUL Variation of Condition No. 7 of planning permission 2014/1361/FUL to read "Boundary fencing shall accord with the details provided on drawing SK/32/2C - post and wire fencing to eastern boundary 1200mm high and green weldmesh fencing to knacker yard compound etc. 100mm high including steel gates." at Hangar C2 To C4, Tollgate Road, Burscough.
2019/0984/FUL Variation of Condition No. 3 of planning permission 2014/1361/FUL to read "Hangar No.3 (as shown on approved plans SK/32/3A) shall be demolished and the land restored in accordance with a scheme first submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority within three years of the date of this Approval of Application to vary Condition No. 3 of the planning approval reference 2014/1361/FUL." at Hangar C2 To C4, Tollgate Road, Burscough.
2019/1001/FUL Change of use from A1(retail) to A3/A5 (restaurant/hotfood takeaway) at 25 Aughton Street, Ormskirk.
The application affects a Conservation Area.
2019/1006/FUL Removal of Condition Nos. 4 and 5 imposed on planning permission 2019/0541/FUL relating to details of the design of the surface water drainage system and a landscaping scheme at Poplars, Gorse Lane, Tarleton.
The applications are available for viewing on the Council's website www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning. Alternatively, the application can be viewed during normal office hours at 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk and at 1st Floor, The Concourse, Skelmersdale. If you wish to comment on the proposal you can do so via the Council's web site, by e-mail to plan.apps@westlancs.gov.uk or in writing to Development and Regeneration Services, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, but these must be received within 24 days of the date of this notice quoting the application number.
Applications for Minor Commercial and Householder Development
If an appeal is made against a decision to refuse to grant planning permission, and that appeal proceeds under the written representations procedure, any representations made to the Council will be passed to the Secretary of State and there will be no opportunity to make further representations.
How information about you will be used
Personal data provided by you will be used as part of the Council's statutory planning duties. Some of this information, including your name and address, will be published. Further information about this is available online at www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning and hard copies are available on request.
John R Harrison DipEnvP., MRTPI Dated: 16th October 2019
Director of Development and Regeneration PDNOT1064

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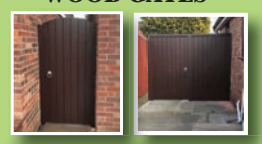

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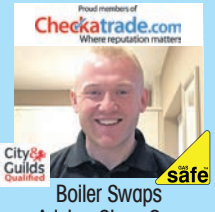

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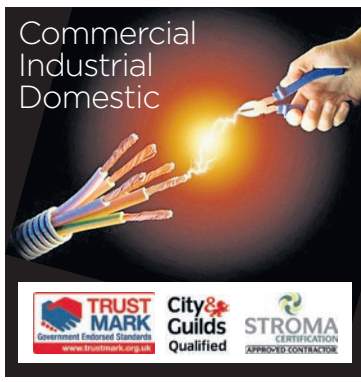

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Alfa Romeo is missing a trick by no longer selling the Spider

The time I caused a rush-hour traffic jam was my most stressful motoring

THERE'S a dusty corner in the deep vaults of the Simister anecdotal archives that no longer needs to be quietly reshuffled. The time that I caused a rush-hour traffic jam by conking out in a city centre bus stop – in a bright red E-type, naturally – is still firmly in the top spot as the most stressful bit of motoring I've ever done.

The moment I called on a Ford Cortina's brakes on a particularly steep hill somewhere near Sheffield, only to find it didn't really have any, comes a close second, but I was ready to demote that too the other day. Not only was I about to make my debut as a wedding car driver, but the blushing bride in question was none other than my younger sister. I was delighted to be entrusted with such an important task, of course, but I'm sure you'll forgive me for having visions of gliding helplessly onto the hard shoulder and having no choice but to wait for a van with orange flashing lights to show up, or having to tackle a puncture with an infuriated-looking bride glancing at her watch, wondering how late really is classed as fashionable.

Certainly, when I got hitched three years ago I made sure it was someone else's Rolls-Royce Silver Shadow doing the all-important duties, just to avoid the potential headaches.

But I actually enjoyed the drive far more than I had any right to, and that's partly because the wedding wheels in question were just about the last thing I'd been expecting – an Alfa Romeo Spider.

While that meant the big journey was limited to just two people, it meant the bride and I could focus on the *really* important things on the way to her big day.

Like how well the Spider suits being offered in black with tan leather – you'd expect red to be the colour of choice for a small, Italian sports car, but with Britain's *Alfisti* it was definitely black that proved the most popular colour. I'm sure my about-to-be-wed passenger appreciated too how the centre console was canted towards the driver to give it a much sportier feel, and how all the words on the dials had been left in Italian – olio, benzina, and so on – just to make the drive to the wedding venue feel just that little bit more exciting.

She definitely would have appreciated the two-litre Twin Spark engine too, although I suspect the 3.2-litre V6 might have been a bit handier for getting there on time. But as my younger sister and her now husband embark on what I'm sure will be years of happily married life together, there is one question I'm sure they'll be pondering – why doesn't Alfa have a Spider in its range today? The Italians are really missing a trick, particularly as it'd be easy to base it on the Fiat 124 Spider.

I'm happy to confirm that the Spider made it on time, the wedding went without a hitch, and Alfa's finest chalked up yet another fan. Definitely preferable to a Cortina with knackered brakes, anyway…

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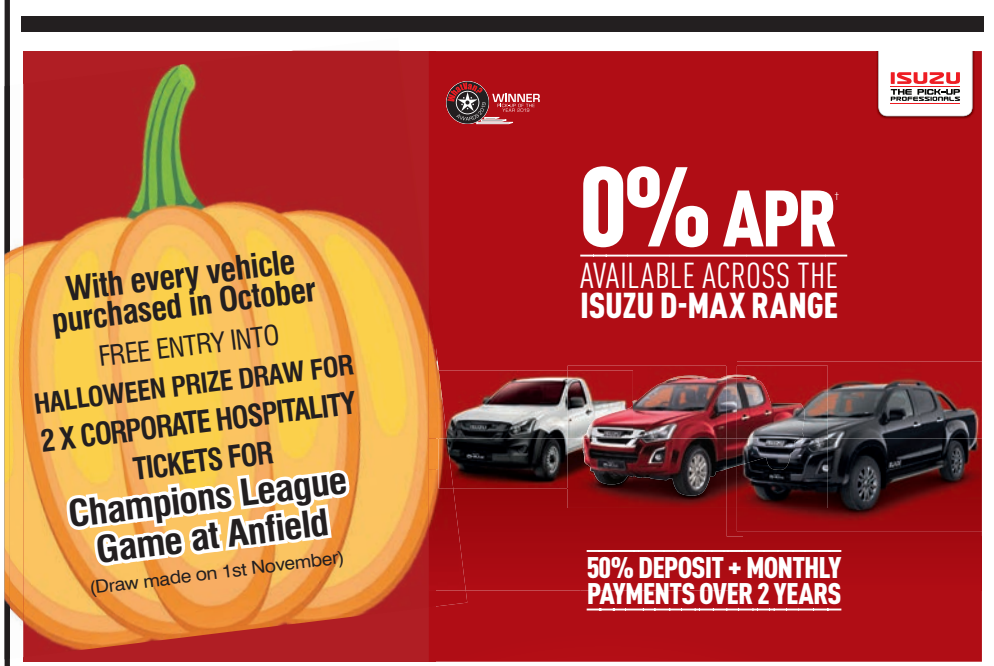
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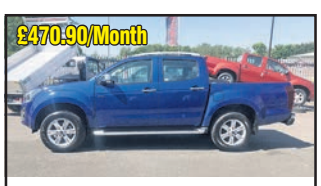

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* **ASTRA 1.6 TURBO SRi 200 SPORTS TOURER ESTATE 5 DR 17 REG** just 7,000 miles in deep sky blue metallic, IntelliLink, Bluetooth, front & rear park assist, DAB radio, alloys, aircon, cruise, FSH..... **DUE IN £11,195**
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* **CORSA 1.4 SE 90 5 DR 18 REG** 4,000 miles in sovereign silver metallic, IntelliLink, front & rear park assist, alloys, DAB radio, heated front seats & steering wheel, cruise, Bluetooth, heated windscreen, aircon..... **£9,995**
* **CORSA 1.4 SE NAV 5 DR 68 REG** from 4,000 miles in lava red, SAT NAV, Bluetooth, intellilink, cruise, aircon, alloys, DAB radio, heated windscreen, full size spare wheel, front & rear park assist heated front seats & steering wheel..... **£9,995**
* **CORSA 1.4 SE 90 5 DR 17 REG** 4,000 miles in dark sea blue metallic, IntelliLink, front & rear park assist, alloys, DAB radio, heated front seats & steering wheel, cruise, Bluetooth, heated windscreen - FSH **£8,995**

CORSA 1.4 SE 5 DR 65 REG 15,000 miles in power red, Bluetooth, alloys, DAB radio, heated front seats & steering wheel, cruise, heated windscreen, aircon – FSH, £30 road tax & supplied by us, 12 months MOT **£7,495**

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OTHER MAKES

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* **HYUNDAI TUCSON 1.6 SE NAV GDi (PETROL) 5 DR 19 REG** 11,000 miles in micron grey metallic, SAT NAV, Bluetooth, alloys, climate, cruise, rear park assist & camera – balance of 5 yr Hyundai warranty..... **£16,695**
* **AUDI A4 1.4 SE TFSi 4 DR 67 REG** 17,000 miles in white, Bluetooth, alloys, cruise, climate, front & rear park assist – balance of 3 yr Audi warranty..... **£15,995**
* **BMW 1 SERIES 118i SE 1.5 5 DR 19 REG** 8,000 miles in seaside blue metallic, SAT NAV, Bluetooth, DAB radio, alloys, aircon, balance of 3 year BMW warrantly. **£15,795**
* **FORD KUGA 1.5 T ZETEC ECOBOOST 120 5 DR 19 REG with APPEARANCE PACK** 10,000 miles in magnetic grey metallic, Bluetooth, alloys, cruise, DAB radio, heated front screen, aircon ..... **DUE IN £15,495**
* **HYUNDAI TUCSON 1.6 SE NAV GDi (PETROL) 5 DR 67 REG** 10,000 miles in moon rock grey metallic, SAT NAV, Bluetooth, climate, cruise, DAB radio, alloys, heated front seats, reverse camera – FSH & balance of 5 yr Hyundai warranty..... **£14,595**
* **RENAULT KADJAR 1.3 TCE (PETROL) ENERGY DYNAMIQUE S NAV 5 DR 68 REG** 9,000 miles in flame red metallic, SAT NAV, Bluetooth, front & rear park assist, DAB radio, alloys, cruise, balance of 3 year Renault warranty..... **£14,250**
* **HONDA CR-V 1.6 i-DTEC SE (DIESEL) 5 DR 16 REG** 18,000 miles in blue metallic, alloys, Bluetooth, climate, cruise, DAB radio, rear parking camera, front & rear park assist – FSH and £30 tax, April MOT..... **£13,250**
* **HYUNDAI TUCSON 1.7 SE NAV CRDi 5 DR 66 REG** 22,000 miles in inca beach metallic, SAT NAV, Bluetooth, climate, cruise, DAB radio, alloys, heated front seats, reverse camera – balance of 5 yr Hyundai warranty, FSH & £30 road tax..... **£12,995**

NISSAN QASHQAI 1.2 ACENTA DIG-T SMART VISION (PETROL) 5 DR 17 REG 10,000 miles in gun metal grey metallic, alloys, aircon, bluetooth, front & rear park assist, – supplied & serviced by ourselves, balance of 3 year warranty & FSH..... **£11,850**

* **RENAULT KADJAR 1.2 TCe DYNAMIQUE NAV 5 DR 66 REG** 7,000 miles in cosmos blue metallic, SAT NAV, Bluetooth, alloys, climate, cruise – FSH..... **£11,795**
* **FORD FIESTA 1.0 TURBO ECOBOOST TITANIUM 100 5 DR 67 REG (NEW SHAPE)** 6,000 miles in magnetic grey metallic, Bluetooth, alloys, aircon, cruise, DAB radio, SAT NAV, heated windscreen, privacy glass - balance of 3 yr Ford warranty.. **£11,695**
* **KIA SPORTAGE 1 1.7 CRDi 5 DR 17 REG** 27,000 miles in denim blue/grey metallic, Bluetooth, alloys, DAB radio, aircon, cruise – FSH & balance of 7 yr Kia warranty **£11,550**
* **RENAULT CAPTUR 0.9 TCe ICONIC 5 DR 68 REG** 9,000 miles in flame red metallic with black roof, SAT NAV, Bluetooth, alloys, rear park assist, climate, cruise, space saver wheel – balance of 3 yr Renault warranty **£11,495**
* **RENAULT CAPTUR 0.9 TCe ICONIC 5 DR 68 REG** 14,000 miles in mercury grey metallic with black roof, SAT NAV, Bluetooth, alloys, rear park assist, climate, cruise, space saver wheel – balance of 3 yr Renault warranty..... **£11,195**
* **PEUGEOT 2008 1.2 ALLURE 5 DR 66 REG** 23,000 miles in white, Bluetooth, rear park assist, cruise, DAB radio, climate, alloys – FSH..... **DUE IN £9,595**
* **RENAULT CLIO 0.9 DYNAMIQUE NAV TCE 90 5 DR 18 REG** 8,000 miles in diamond black metallic, SAT NAV, Bluetooth, DAB radio, alloys, aircon, cruise - balance of 3 yr Renault warranty **£9,150**
* **RENAULT CLIO 1.2 DYNAMIQUE NAV 75 5 DR 18 REG** 9,000 miles in titanium metallic, SAT NAV, Bluetooth, DAB radio, alloys, aircon, cruise - balance of 3 yr Renault warranty..... **£8,695**

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MAZDA 2 1.5 SPORT NAV SKYACTIVE-G 5 DR 65 REG 30,000 miles in soul red metallic, SAT NAV, Bluetooth, DAB radio, alloys, cruise - £30 road tax..... **£7,995**

* **HYUNDAI i10 1.2 SE 5 DR 68 REG** 9,000 miles in black, Bluetooth, cruise, DAB radio, aircon – balance of 5 yr Hyundai warranty **£7,895**
* **HYUNDAI I20 1.2 S AIR 5 DR 18 REG** 13,000 miles, in white, aircon, DAB radio, Bluetooth – balance of 5 yr Hyundai warranty..... **£7,895**
* **DACIA SANDERO STEPWAY 0.9 LAUREATE TCE 5 DR 17 REG** 10,000 miles in red metallic, alloys, bluetooth, cruise, DAB radio, rear park assist, air con - £30 road tax & balance of 3 yr Dacia warranty..... **£7,895**

FORD ECOSPORT 1.0 T ZETEC ECOBOOST 5 DR 65 REG 33,000 miles in silver metallic, alloys, rear park assist, Bluetooth..... **£6,995**

* **TOYOTA YARIS 1.3 DESIGN VVT-I 5 DR 65 REG** 40,000 miles in burgundy red metallic with black roof, Bluetooth, alloys, aircon, cruise, DAB radio, reverse camera – local car, £30 road tax and FSH with Toyota..... **£6,650**

RENAULT CLIO 1.5 DCi DYNAMIQUE NAV 90 5 DR 17 REG 71,000 miles in black, SAT NAV, Bluetooth, alloys, rear park assist – £0 road tax, FSH with ourselves & balance of 4 yr Renault warranty..... **£6,495**

TOYOTA VERSO 2.0 TR D-4D 7 SEATER 5 DR 12 REG 62,000 miles in silver blue metallic, alloys – FSH and March MOT, sat nav, bluetooth - 1 family owned.... **£6,150**

MERCEDES SL280 AUTO CONVERTIBLE M REG 1994 90,000 miles in Silver with Grey leather, rear seats, detachable hard top (with stand) – June MOT - Owned by a friend of mine for the last 14 years (always garaged) - Lovely car with full service history..... **£5,750**

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CORSA 1.4 SXi 3 DR 64 REG 32,000 miles in sapphire black metallic, alloys, cruise, privacy glass – FSH & supplied by ourselves **£4,795**

VW POLO 1.2 MATCH 60 3 DR 12 REG 66,000 miles in grey metallic, alloys – supplied & serviced by us, recent timing chain ..... **DUE IN £4,695**

KIA SOUL 1.6 CRDI (DIESEL) SHAKER 5 DR 11 REG 46,000 miles in cream, alloys, rear park assist – FSH..... **£4,650**

PEUGEOT 3008 1.6 e-HDi SPORT DIESEL AUTO 5 DR 11 REG 48,000 miles in silver metallic – August MOT..... **£4,295**

ASTRA 1.4 TURBO SRi 5 DR 12 REG 55,000 miles in waterworld blue metallic, alloys - FSH & 12 months MOT..... **£4,250**

RENAULT TWINGO 1.6 RS133 GORDINI 3 DR 11 REG 39,000 miles in black with full leather, alloys – FSH - retired owner, lovely car..... **£4,195**

QUALITY PART EXCHANGES

ASTRA 1.7 SRI CDTi 5 DR 60 REG 40,000 miles in dark sea blue metallic, alloys, cruise – 12 months mot & £30 road tax **£3,995**

CORSA 1.4 DESIGN AUTO 5 DR 57 REG 60,000 miles in silver lightning metallic, alloys – supplied & serviced by ourselves..... **DUE IN £2,950**

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MERCEDES C180 KOMPRESSOR SE 1.8 AUTO 2 DR 55 REG 58,000 miles in blue metallic – main dealer service history **£2,495**

ASTRA 1.4 SXi SPORT HATCH 3 DR 09 REG 62,000 miles in red, alloys – nice tidy car, FSH and March MOT, just had timing chain **£2,350**

* **MITSUBISHI SHOGUN 2.5 SPORT WARRIOR TD 06 REG** 124,000 miles in silver metallic, towbar – just had clutch & 12 months MOT..... **£2,250**

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11 VAUXHALL ASTRA 1.4 SXI 5DR, silver, alloys..... **£3495**
61 HYUNDAI i10 5DR , in silver, only 50,000 miles **£3395**
11 RENAULT SCENIC DCi, in blue, 7 seats, full history **£3295**
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60 MITSUBISHI LANCER DIESEL, 5dr in silver **£2995**
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59 NISSAN QASHQAI TEKNA 2.0 AUTO PETROL full leather 70k **£6495**
12 NISSAN NOTE 1.6 N-TEC PLUS AUTO, 2 owners, with history in white **£4995**
57 MINI COOPER CABRIOLET AUTO in red, half leather & powerhood, 60k..... **£4495**
56 BMW 320 SE AUTO SALOON petrol, black, black leather **£2995**
57 FORD C-MAX AUTOMATIC, silver, 70,000 ..... **£2795**
56 VW JETTA 1.9 DIESEL AUTO, saloon, silver, 79,000 miles **£2495**
57 VW PASSAT 2.0 TDI AUTO Highline, Black, Leather, Sat Nav **£2250**
54 MERCEDES C180 COUPE AUTOMATIC in silver FSH **£1995**
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52 VOLVO ESTATE V70 2.4 MANUAL ESTATE, metallic red, leather
52 FORD KA, silver, only 44,000 miles, silver, full MoT, new clutch
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Ainsdale skipper Lucas led from front with five half centuries

THIS week it's time to take a look back at the league statistics of our two local clubs in the Liverpool & District Cricket Competition First Division, *writes Glenn Wallworth.*

Ainsdale looked promotion candidates after a decent start but faded and eventually finished in seventh place while Fleetwood Hesketh miraculously avoided relegation by winning their final two matches of the campaign to finish in tenth place.

Leading the way with the bat for Ainsdale was skipper Stephen Lucas with 614 runs at an average of 43.11, a highest score of 79 and five half centuries, he was followed by Mark Lucas 456 @28.50 HS 103* including one century and two half centuries, Andy Barlow 278 @ 16.35 HS 55 and Australian Dylan Mullen 254 @ 19.54, HS 59*.

Mal Swift was their leading bowler with 42 wickets at a cost of 13.95 each with best figures of 7-46, followed by new elected skipper Martyn Farrell 38 @ 13.71 BB 6-48 and Stephen Lucas with 23 @ 19.09 BB 3-10. Scott Rimmer claimed 18 victims behind the stumps with 14 catches and 8 stumpings, whilst in the field Mullen held 10 catches and Stephen Lucas 9.

Over at Sea Cop, Matty Howard topped the run scoring charts at Fleetwood Hesketh with 358 @ 19.89 HS 61 inc two half centuries, followed by keeper Luke Tinsley 315 @ 24.23 HS 66 inc two half centuries and Irshad Desai 307 @ 21.93 inc two half centuries.

Bobby Wincer who played less than half of their matches was the pick of the bowlers with 26 wickets @ 13.77 BB 6-24, followed by South African Gavin Dickenson 26 @ 21.31 BB 7-24, Steve Gregory 21 @ 20.52 BB 4-40 and Tommy Wareing 20 @ 22.05 BB 4-33. Tinsley claimed 12 victims behind the stumps with 10 catches and 2 stumpings, whilst Derek Sykes took 8 catches in the outfield.

The Icon Sports player of the year awards were announced last week, with New Brighton's skipper Andrew Clarke taking the Premier Division award with 816 runs @ 54.50 HS 139, the First Division award was split between Rainford's John Dotters who scored 540 runs @ 36.00 HS 105 & took 57 wickets @ 9.53 BB 7-15 and Wigan's John Richardson who hit 652 runs @ 46.57 HS 90* and claimed 47 wickets @ 10.13 BB 6-19, whilst the Second Division award went to Parkfield Liscard batsman Kamran Hussain who scored 835 runs @ 55.67 HS 119* inc two centuries and seven half centuries.

Various local clubs have already presented their end of season awards and here's a list of the winners so far....Firwood Bootle spectators player of the year was Danny Davies, batsman Will Hale and bowler Will Purser, Northern – Tom Sephton, Formby – Sam Oldham, Southport & Birkdale - Isaac Lea, Fleetwood Hesketh – Matty Howard, Southport Trinity – Bobby Eyes, Hightown St Mary's – Matt Laybourne.

Northern have improved their line up with the signing of Ryan Maddock who returns to Moor Park after two seasons at Ormskirk, his signing has led to the departure of Chris Brownlow who has joined Bolton side Edgworth in the Greater Manchester Cricket League, whilst down at the Rookery Southport Trinity are looking to replace opening bowler Jake Sunderland who has joined Bacup so he play closer to home.

Next week we take a look back at the stats of the players who play at Southport Trinity, Maghull, Hightown St Marys and Burscough in the Second Division, plus reveal who scored the most league ducks in 2019.

Skem end four match losing streak after stalemate in Runcorn

Runcorn Town 0
Skelmersdale United 0

SKELMERSDALE United ended a run of four straight league defeats after battling to earn a hard-earned point away at Runcorn Town, *writes Simon Driscoll.*

Both sides went into the game in mixed form and Paul McNally made two changes from last weekend with Cameron Glennon and Joel Douglas coming in for Marvin Molyneux and Edward Toner.

A quiet start for both sides saw the first danger come from the hosts as Dave Forbes swept over a cross which to the relief of United evaded all comers.

United's first chance came after a superb wing run and cut inside from Alex Griffiths saw his shot cannon off Marcus James in the home defence. The resulting throw-in led to Matthew Coughlan shooting over the target.

Joel Douglas on the attack for Skem. Pictures by John Driscoll

Town went achingly close to opening the scoring on 15 minutes as Craig Cairns beat the offside trap to advance on goal and though he beat Ben Barnes from an angle, his shot cannoned off the crossbar and out of play. Tom Croughan sent a shot over the bar before Richard Brodie drew a low save from Adam Reid from close range,

A clever flick and shot from Peter Moore sailed wide of the target before he sent a shot wide of the far post.

Forbes tried his luck from an angle at the other end with a shot over the target. Joel Douglas set up a great chance for United as he shook off several challenges to advance on goal and pick out Moore who forced a superb aerial save from Reid from close range.

Both sides continued to try and break the deadlock with Cam Glennon hitting over and Brodie drawing a save from Reid for United while Holt and George Webster both went close at the other end before the interval.

The second half could have began perfectly for United as a counter attack saw Moore advance on goal and curl an effort over the bar when he had great support in Coughlan.

A counter at the other end saw Cairns squaring to Forbes who sent a shot past the target. Town then had a great chance to score as Holt's free-kick found the head of Marcus James who forced a superb acrobatic save from Barnes.

As the game entered the final moments, United had the reflexes of Barnes to thank as he stunningly saved a Forbes header that looked goal bound.

That proved to be the final chance to trouble the scoreline with the referee calling full time a minute or so later with both sides claiming a point apiece and in doing so both ending recent losing runs.

Alex Griffiths was delighted to sign a new deal

Griffiths signs new contract

SKELMERSDALE United's longest serving player, Alex Griffiths, has signed a new contract with the club.

The popular left sided player, who can play in defence or midfield, achieved his 50th consecutive appearance for the club recently and won the clubs player of the month award for August.

Skelmersdale United manager Paul McNally said: "Alex is always one of the first names on my team-sheet, he's a good lad and I know a number of clubs have an interest in him"

Skelmersdale United are at home on Friday night (October 18) entertaining promotion challengers Irlam, kick off 7.45pm.

It should be a good game, as Irlam have had a good run in the FA Cup this season and recently they played National League North leaders York City only losing 2-0 in a game that was televised by the BBC.

Skelmersdale have their first 'Parbold Hill Derby' when they go over the hill to play Charnock Richard on Tuesday, October 22.

Meanwhile, the club is looking for a match day Secretary as Dan Roberts is relinquishing some or all of his post with the club due to work commitments. Anyone that is interested in joining the club in an admin position is asked to contact Norman Fenney on 07949 582262 or by emailing a CV to n.fenney@sky.com

Linnets bolster attacking options with new striker

BURSCOUGH manager Nick Matthews has been busy signing a new forward from Welsh club Bangor City, who is well known locally and has scored against the Linnets, ***writes Neil Leatherbarrow.***

Harry Blackburn is a forward who has a habit of getting behind the defensive line of opponents.

The former Accrington Stanley forward has had two separate spells with Skelmersdale United playing under Tommy Lawson and Alan Rogers management at Skem. He scored against Burscough for Skem in the Liverpool Senior Cup meeting between the two sides a couple of years ago.

Burscough, who didn't play last weekend, will return to action this Saturday against Ashton Athletic.

The team from Ashton in Makerfield are ninth in the North West Counties Premier Division table but are only four points out the promotion places so will represent tough opposition.

Burscough play Congleton Town on Tuesday, October 22, kick off 7.45pm.

Meanwhile, have started work on their new ground, which is being built just over the wall from Victoria Park.

Chairman Mike Swift said: "Following essential administration work, we are pleased to confirm the construction team's arrival 'on site' at Victoria Park and a start on the actual building of the new football facilities for Burscough FC. We apologise for any disruption to village life while this significant investment takes place."

It is believed that the pitch could be artificial after the club had a visit from a specialist Dutch manufacturer. Mike Swift also confirmed that the club will not be moving to the new facility until after the current season ends.

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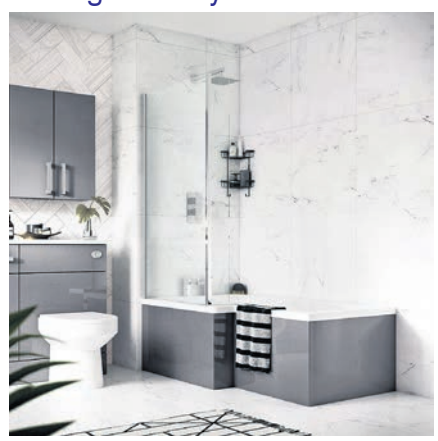

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